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Major leads the fight to salvage Blackpool conference after MP crosses floor to Labour

Tory Left fires warning shot after defection

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IN THE aftermath of the shock eve-of-conference defection of Alan Howarth, the Conservative MP, to Labour, the Tory Left gave a warning that as many as 40 Tory MPs shared Mr Howarth's misgivings over the Government's social agenda.

Leading figures such as Sir Edward Heath indicated that while they had no intention of following Mr Howarth's example, they were worried about a fresh lurch to the Right in the face of Tony Blair's reinvigorated party.

Amid ministerial anger at the Stratford-on-Avon MP's "vindictive" act, John Major last night led a concerted counter-offensive by the Tory high command aimed at rescuing the Blackpool conference, which starts tomorrow, from being plunged into a fresh bout of internal feuding.

After a private meeting with Mr Howarth, Mr Major said: "I profoundly disagree with his analysis of the Conservative Party, but nothing will distract us from the task ahead. We have an election to win, and we intend to win it."

The message from party chiefs, stunned more by the timing of Mr Howarth's move than its substance, was that the Government could not afford to be unsettled by the actions of a maverick backbencher when it faced such a powerful challenge from Mr Blair. The Prime Minister is expected to reinforce this warning tonight when he addresses Tory agents in Blackpool.

But despite the efforts being made to put what has been billed as a showcase conference back on track, there was genuine alarm that Mr Howarth's move might have brought forward the date of the next election. Mr Major wants to wait until the spring of 1997, but with his majority down to seven, he knows that four more by-elections in Conservative seats would deprive him of a majority and force him into a poll next year.

Mr Howarth, 51, a former minister who has moved from the Right of the party to Mr Blair's bosom, hinted on BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* that other disillusioned Tories might join him in the unprecedented act.

But few Conservatives agreed, describing Mr Howarth as a "loner" and doubting that any other backbencher would show such naked disloyalty to the "club" and sever social and political bonds.

After the success of Labour's conference in Brighton last week, ministers had been anxious to use Blackpool to highlight their readiness to respond to public disquiet and to bring new ideas.

"We've taken a punch on the nose," one Tory strategist said. "... but by tomorrow night we'll be setting out our stall again."

Privately, ministers were furious, saying that Mr Howarth's high moral tone sat ill with his "mean, conniving" decision to time his exit at the point of maximum embarrassment and damage to a party he had served in Parliament for 12 years.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, denounced Mr Howarth's move as "vindictive". Alan Clark, a former minister, accused his "batty" ex-colleague of "an act of complete treachery".

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, said that Mr Howarth's decision to ally himself with the likes of Dennis Skinner and John Prescott after being a member of the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group was "bizarre" and "eccentric".

But the Left, which fears that Mr Major has been strong-armed into conceding clear blue water with Mr Blair, made clear that Mr Howarth was not a voice in the wilderness.

Sir Edward urged like-minded One Nation Tories not to follow Mr Howarth's example but to "do everything we possibly can to persuade the party to carry out the policies which we used to have".

Peter Temple-Morris, leader of the Lollard grouping of Centre-Left Tories, said that the MP's defection was a "symptom of the strain in the Centre-Left of the party". Jim Lester, a former minister who has expressed unease about government policy, said that while he would not be crossing the floor, he understood Mr Howarth's thinking.

Labour lead: Labour has increased its lead over the Conservatives to 30 points, according to the latest Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph*. Labour is on 56.5 per cent, the Tories on 26.5 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 14 per cent. The Labour lead has widened from 28 points last month in the survey taken just before the party conference.

Departure cuts majority to 7

Alan Howarth's defection effectively reduces the Government's overall majority to seven. This means that if four Tory-held seats were lost at by-elections in the next year, Mr Major could be forced to go to the country. Since the last election, there have been six by-elections in Tory-held seats. All of these have fallen to opposition parties.



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MARTIN RIDDALL

Alan Howarth with daughter Catherine outside his home at Lower Tysoe, near Stratford, yesterday. He joked about learning the *Red Flag*

Staid Stratford rocked by latest affair

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

ALAN HOWARTH may have praised his local party of Stratford-upon-Avon for their loyalty and understanding yesterday, but the affair was as much of an embarrassment as when a previous Tory incumbent admitted sharing a girlfriend with a Russian.

Many can remember the shame when John Profumo's sexual antics helped the downfall of Harold Macmillan's Government in 1963.

The idea that another of their MPs could repeat the disastrous scenario three decades later by finding a worse bedfellow — the Labour Party — with which to disgrace and fracture the Tory party, made them blanch.

Don Rushton, the Tory chairman who was told of Mr Howarth's elopement to Labour only on Saturday night, had gathered his grey and gaunt gaggle of loyalists for an emergency meeting at nine o'clock on Sunday morning at the pristine Tory headquarters. Dragged away from games of golf and pruning the roses, they were spitting. "He is no longer one of us," an elderly female stalwart said. "We licked all those envelopes to get him his vast majority and he hasn't even apologised for this humiliation." Another added: "Traitor and quisling are not strong enough words."

Most of those present had helped to choose the charming right-wing Mr Howarth out of 450 candidates in 1983.

Then he seemed the perfect family man for the Tudor gabled market town where there is still a demand for white kid gloves, croquet is their major vice, and people still open doors for tourists. They thought he would support their demands for tax cuts, not start asking for help for single mothers and the homeless.

After two hours of fraught discussion, the chairman emerged having changed into a formal suit to issue a terse statement saying that it was with "extreme regret" that they registered Mr Howarth's change of heart, and adding words like "disappointed" and "astonished".

He refused to pose under a picture of Winston Churchill and shivered as he stepped into the sunshine.

Mr Howarth, meanwhile, appeared to be basking in every moment of his new love affair.

Whisked into the BBC headquarters in Shepherd's Bush by limousine for the *Frost Programme*, he joked with the make-up woman before delivering his crushing indictment of his former party — still with a smile.

After a hearty BBC cooked breakfast, he got the chauffeur to pick up his daughter Catherine, 21, from Oxford and they spent the day pottering around his Warwickshire farmhouse where he joked that he would be learning the *Red Flag*.

He offered waiting journalists tea and biscuits, changed into cords and proferred his daughter as a more appealing photo. Posing good-naturedly for the late-arriving television crews, he leant against his gate.

Ten miles away, in a small post-war terraced house on the outskirts of Stratford, there was chaos among the small band of local Labour activists. They do not even have a headquarters and the first thing Brenda Peck, the local party secretary, knew about their new member was a wake-up phone call from Sky Television. As she washed up glasses by the sink, she said: "We were delighted, of course. We've been celebrating. It will be a lot of work, but he didn't sound barmy on TV and we're looking forward to working with him."

Most constituents were just bewildered. Did they have an MP or not? "If even Tory MPs start swapping sides there must be something right about Labour," said Caroline Roberts, a housewife from Henley-on-Arden.

Girl of 12 dupes Tangier gunman

Charlean Barker, 12, confronted a gunman who shot dead two British tourists at a hotel in Morocco. She survived by feigning death when the man opened fire on her in the corridor.

Charlean was woken by gunshots at the Tarik Hotel near Tangier. The gunman, an off-duty police inspector, had killed Martin Gower, 62, and his wife Margaret, 63, in the hotel bar, and wounded another woman. He was still at large last night.....Page 5

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Powell campaign comes to Britain

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN MURRAY

GENERAL Colin Powell, the clear opinion poll favourite to be the next president of the United States, arrived in London last night.

The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs is ostensibly visiting London and Paris this week to promote his best-selling memoirs, but America's most celebrated black man is using the occasion to promote his image as a credible leader of his country. A poll published today by *Time/CNN* places him ten per cent ahead of President Clinton if he decides to run as a Republican. The poll shows the retired general is more popular with whites than with blacks. President Clinton is still the preferred candidate of 55 per cent of coloured Americans.

In a three-way race, with General Powell standing as an independent, the poll shows he is the choice of 35 per cent, four per cent more than the President, and 13 per cent ahead of Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader.

General Powell's first appointment this morning is at the BBC *Today* studios for the first in a series of interviews in which he will set out his political philosophy.

London and Paris are the last stops in a triumphant 25-city tour, run on military lines, which has taken him all over the United States. From liberal Boston to California's conservative Orange County, tens of thousands of people have queued for hours to get a glimpse of him. The US media, which considers a Dole-Clinton race an even drearier prospect than Bush-Dukakis in 1988, has been positively adulatory.

In a month General Powell has rocketed to the top of almost every poll and is now, according to *The Washington Post*, more popular than the Pope.

Bosnia battles in ceasefire run-up

Bosnia's warring factions fought on for territory before the frontlines are frozen by the impending ceasefire.

Heavy fighting between the Bosnian Army and the separatist Bosnian Serbs broke out, with artillery, rockets and cluster bombs being used. The Bosnian Serbs said the ceasefire was being endangered by the intervention of 4,000 troops from Croatia.....Page 11

Chancellor tells IMF of tax cuts

The Chancellor rejected the view of the International Monetary Fund that Britain was in danger of "slippage" in its efforts to reduce public borrowing.

Speaking in Washington at the annual meeting of the IMF, he hinted strongly that he would cut income tax in next month's Budget. He told a press conference that his priority would be to cut the marginal rate of income tax.....Page 40

'Gnomes' threaten revenge on franc

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ALAIN JUPPÉ, the French Prime Minister, has blamed "the gnomes of London" for speculation that sent the franc tumbling last week.

In an attack which recalled Harold Wilson's bitter onslaught on "the gnomes of Zurich" for undermining the pound, M Juppé said that he would not cut the French deficit to please the markets.

The anti-British line was taken up by some French newspapers, with one vivid weekend caricature of John O'Money, the London foreign exchange dealer who goes out for a long liquid lunch and then wantonly tries to bury the franc. But it does nothing to help M Juppé's cause. Currency dealers will launch another attack on the franc this week with even more glee because of the Prime Minister's ill-advised remarks.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, last night dismissed the description. "These days, you are more likely to find a forex dealer flexing his muscles in a gym, not raising pints."

Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at the Charterhouse Group, said: "You don't need to be a gnome to work out that the franc is overvalued. Anyone who has been on holiday in France knows that."

M Juppé has more to fear from the teetotal London gnome. A sober look at France's economic dilemma exposes just how vulnerable he is.

To an extent, M Juppé's target is the right one. He is saddled with the unfortunate fact that the vast bulk of European foreign exchange dealing takes place in London, and Britain is instinctively Euro-sceptic. *Entente cordiale* has never been that cordial.

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Faber and Faber congratulate Seamus Heaney on winning the Nobel Prize for Literature 1995



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EVERY DAY THIS WEEK A HOLIDAY FOR TWO TO BE WON

Major hardens line on federal Europe

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent



Major: pleasing sceptics

JOHN MAJOR toughened his opposition to a federal Europe in a move last night aimed at establishing clear water between the Tories and Tony Blair's resurgent Labour Party.

The Prime Minister said that Britain would opt out of any moves towards a European superstate if next year's inter-governmental conference (IGC) to review the Maastricht treaty pressed ahead with political union.

His announcement, made in a newspaper article and to be amplified in his speech to the Tory conference in Blackpool on Friday, marked a toughening of the Government's opposition to federalism. Up to now, Mr Major had confined himself to pledging that Britain would veto any further loss of sovereignty to Brussels.

THE TORY CONFERENCE

He has now made clear that if that strategy fails and EU states seek a way round the veto by, for instance, forming a political union outside the Treaty of Rome, Britain would play no part in such a manoeuvre.

"If Europe moves to go federalist, a Conservative Britain won't go with it," Mr Major says in an article in *The Sun* today.

The pledge widens the divisions between Tory and Labour policies over Europe. Mr Blair said at the Labour conference last week that if the IGC resulted in "further steps to integration, the people will have their say, at a general election or in a referendum". But he added that Europe was a "vital part of our national interest".

Mr Major's tough stance will please Tory Eurosceptics, who are planning a show of strength on the conference fringe with meetings featuring figures such as John Redwood, Norman Lamont and most of the former whipless rebels.

But despite promises by the sceptics that they will moderate their anti-European rhetoric, ministers are worried they will not be able to match the impression of harmony and purpose given by Labour in Brighton.

Mr Major will make a keynote speech to party agents tonight and Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, will try to rally the party on Tuesday in a speech to the full conference. Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine will speak on Wednesday and Thursday respectively before Mr Major winds up on Friday. The Prime Minister will also underline his commitment to making Britain the world's "enterprise centre".

The conference slogan will be Our Nation's Future, and every minister has been asked to announce at least two new policies. The aim is to give the impression of a busy administration bursting with ideas for the new century, so countering Mr Blair's "young Britain" vision.

☐ Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will lay the Cenotaph wreath on Remembrance Day instead of John Major, who will be at the Commonwealth conference in New Zealand.

MP told his Labour pair of disillusionment with Conservative Party

How Blair colleagues prepared secret coup

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

AS the Labour conference ended in triumph on Friday, only four senior party figures knew that a bigger story was about to break. Tony Blair, John Prescott, Alastair Campbell; the Labour leader's press secretary, and Anji Hunter, his office chief, knew Alan Howarth had decided to come over.

Margaret Hodge, Labour MP for Barking, had a good idea of what was afoot. She is Mr Howarth's "pair" in the Commons — the Whips' arrangement that allows MPs to miss non-essential votes — and was aware of his doubts over whether he still belonged in the Conservative Party. She told Mr Blair that it would be worth talking to him.

The Labour leader imposed an even greater confidentiality over the affair than he had over his stunning decision to scrap Clause Four the previous year. A premature disclosure, as Mr Howarth finally came to terms with his momentous decision, could have ruined everything.

Labour leaders emphasised yesterday that Mr Howarth's decision had been taken without pressure from Mr Blair.

The Labour leader, aware for about three weeks that a defection was a serious possibility, saw Mr Howarth on September 26 and spoke to him on the telephone at length, but was insistent that the former minister had to be allowed to come to his own conclusion. He warned Mr Howarth at the end of an hour-long conversation in Mr Blair's Islington home: "You have to be sure. Conservative Central Office will try to make your life a misery. Your family will be pursued by the press."

Mr Blair and Mr Howarth have known each other well since they both entered the Commons at the 1983 election: they were paired together and made their maiden speeches in the same year during the same Finance Bill debate.

THE DEAL WITH LABOUR

It was this January, when Mr Howarth began a series of attacks on what he viewed as the "draconian" powers in the Bill introducing the jobseeker's allowance that Mr Blair began to take notice. On one occasion, on reading a Howarth speech, he told friends: "This chap belongs with us."

Then, in July, after Mr Howarth made generalised Commons attack on government policies another Labour MP made a prophetic appeal: "I for one will welcome the honourable gentleman when he crosses the floor of the House: the sooner he does so, the better," Greville Janner said. It was then that Miss Hodge played her part as a vital intermediary. Mr Howarth had been speaking to her about his disillusionment with the Tories and asked her whether it would be sensible to have a meeting with Mr Blair.

She thought it was and told him so, and then contacted Mr Blair. Amid great secrecy, the meeting was set up at Mr Blair's home by Miss Hunter. Mr Blair and Mr Howarth spoke alone and at length.

Mr Campbell was also in the house because the meeting had been preceded by Mr Blair's pre-conference interview with *The Observer*. As that interview dragged on, the press secretary feared that Mr Howarth would arrive too soon and be spotted. In the event, the danger was averted.

Mr Blair and Mr Howarth went through Labour's most controversial policies, making sure that there were no unbridgeable gaps between them. There was an obvious meeting of minds. It appears that Mr Howarth had pretty well come to a decision.

At that point Mr Blair issued his warning. "Do not take the decision lightly. The Tory press will turn against you, your life will be endlessly scrutinised. You must be sure," was his message.

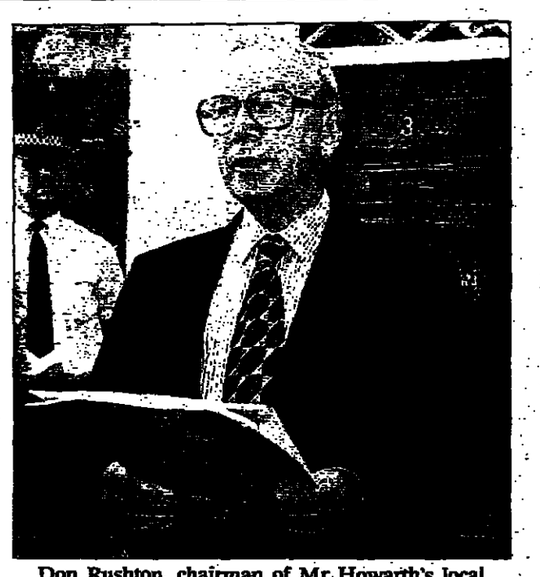
After a few days, Mr Howarth told Mr Blair that he would almost certainly make up his mind during the Labour conference. He asked for the main speeches by front-benchers to be faxed to him. It was confirmed yesterday that those particularly of Mr Blair, containing the claim that Labour was now the party of one-nation politics, of Gordon Brown's on the economy and David Blunkett's on education impressed him the most.

Neither Mr Brown nor Mr Blunkett knew what was happening. By Thursday Mr Howarth was completely decided and told Mr Blair. Mr Prescott was the first senior politician to be given the news by Mr Blair and was delighted. His tub-thumping speech on winding up the conference contained a passage that could have been written for Labour's prize recruit. Urging all those disillusioned with the Tories to join Labour, he said the difference was between the party of privilege and the party of the people — "one-nation Labour, the party that speaks for the whole country and will govern for the whole country".

Mr Campbell knew that he had a spin doctor's dream. But the secrecy needed to be maintained. Mr Prescott spoke to Mr Howarth twice on Saturday as preparations were made for the news to break. It had been agreed earlier that it would be the through the Sunday newspapers, and Mr Howarth is understood to have asked that *The Observer* would be the conduit.

During Saturday, with the news only hours from breaking, Mr Blair brought all his other senior colleagues, Robin Cook, Mr Brown, Mr Blunkett, and even a couple of union general secretaries in on the news. The BBC was quietly alerted for Mr Howarth's interview on yesterday's *Breakfast with Frost* programme to be arranged.

One of the great coups had been prepared. Mr Howarth laboured long and hard on his decision. When a senior political journalist asked him on the day before the Commons recess began how would spend his time he replied: "I am going to think."



Don Rushton, chairman of Mr Howarth's local association, issuing a statement yesterday

Path across the floor is strewn with political casualties



Lord Prentice: says he was true to his beliefs

By Ian Murray

OTHER DEFECTORS

LORD PRENTICE, the last MP to cross from the government to opposition benches, last night supported Alan Howarth's decision to follow the same path, even though it was in an opposite direction to his own.

"I agree with Churchill, who also crossed the floor of the House, that an MP's duty is to his country, his constituency and his party — in that order," he said.

"If you reach a point where you believe your party is wrong for your country and constituency then you honestly have no option but to change sides. I was called a traitor but I don't see it that way. If I hadn't moved over I would have been treacherous to my own beliefs."

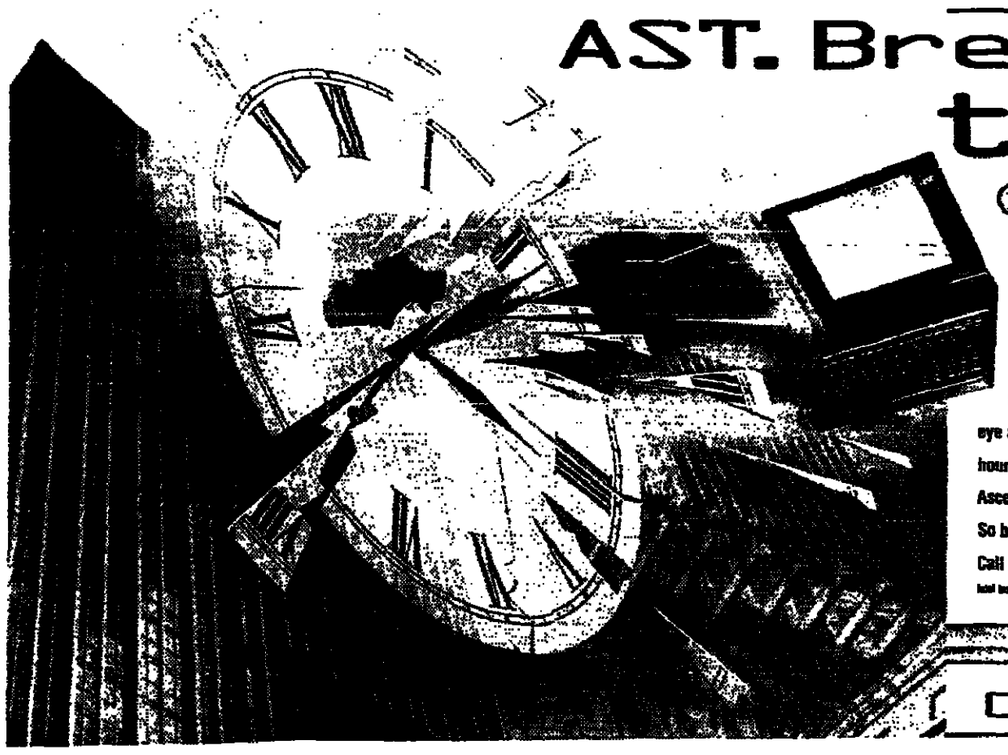
Reg Prentice was MP for the safe Labour seat at Newham North East and a Cabinet minister to 1976 before deciding in 1977 to join the Conservative opposition. He stayed on as MP in Newham until the 1979 general election, when he fought and won Daventry as a Tory and was immediately appointed Social Security Minister in the first Thatcher government.

The path across the Commons from one side of the floor has been trodden by some illustrious names of the past, including Gladstone and Churchill, who switched from Tory to Liberal and then back to Tory.

There have been about 70 defections over the past 60 years, including the one Tory and 27 Labour MPs who joined the Social Democratic Party when it was founded in 1981. Swapping sides or defecting has usually proved a bad career move. Bruce Douglas-Mann, one of the first SDP defectors, lost the by-election when he decided he should re-contest his Mitcham and Morden seat in 1981, and only three of the 27 other defectors then survived the 1983 general election.

Lord Prentice is one of a very few to have changed sides and managed to win a seat with another party. Another is John Horam, a junior public service minister who served in the last Labour government as a junior transport minister. He spent a few years in the wilderness with the SDP before joining the Conservatives in 1987 and winning the safe Orpington seat at the 1992 general election.

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'My father has been considering this for three years. He does not rush into things'

How solitary walks put Westminster into focus

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ALAN HOWARTH reached his historic decision to defect to the Labour Party during a solitary two-week walking holiday in the West Country last month. Mr Howarth, whose 28-year-old marriage collapsed in June, went on holiday alone with a rucksack and guide book to contemplate his future in Westminster.

When Mr Howarth, 51, returned from his break he sat down with his wife and four children to tell them of his decision. None of them tried to talk him out of it.

Mr Howarth's thoughts had become more focused in the last month as he prepared an in-depth article on the benefits system for a new left-of-centre policy group of Tory MPs. The Macleod group was to be publicly launched at the party conference and Mr Howarth's article was to be one of the centrepieces of its radical left-of-centre manifesto.

But the launch was delayed because the group had not secured sponsorship for the pamphlet. Mr Howarth was also concentrating his thoughts for a debate at the Tory party conference, which begins tomorrow, with John Redwood on the future direction of the party.

By the time he returned to his Warwickshire home, he knew that his future lay outside the Tory party. His family were not surprised when he sat them down to tell them.

His son, James, 18, said last night: "He has been considering this for three years. It is not an instant conversion. It has been a considered and gradual process. My father does not rush into things. He had time to think when he was on his walk. I think we all knew it was coming."

He had left the Government in 1992 to have the freedom to speak out on the benefits system and social security policy, particularly towards the disabled.

The birth of his son, Charlie, with cerebral palsy in 1985 two years after he entered Parliament had a profound effect on his life. As Charlie grew older Mr Howarth's attitude to social and benefits policy, which had been right-wing, softened.

The plight of less privileged families with children like Charlie weighed heavily on his mind. Mr Howarth and his wife, Gillian, despaired at the Government's apparent lack of concern about disabled issues.

When the Government killed off a Bill giving rights to the disabled last year Mr Howarth was so angry he joined a Labour Party demonstration in Trafalgar Square. His children wondered if he would leave the Tory party then.

But instead he increasingly rebelled against the Government in the division lobby and wrote a series of critical newspaper articles. But perversely, he was resentful of the fact that John Major did not invite him to return to the ministerial ranks.

His son James, who has been accepted for Oxford to read classics, added: "He became increasingly concerned about the whole range of disabled rights, not just his son. The attitude of the Government towards the disabled was a crucial factor in his decision. We all support what he has done. He discussed it with us all. He has not had an emotional breakdown; he is in control. He knows what he is doing. He did not want to sabotage the Tory conference. But he had to do it his way.

"He knows he cannot win Stratford-upon-Avon for the Labour Party which merely underlines how sincere and committed he is. He has weighed it all up. He knows the risks but it is important. Charlie is important and so are all disabled people. He just came to believe that the Government did not share that view. We are really proud of him."

Peter Temple-Morris, chairman of the Macleod group, said last night: "I spoke to Alan about the pamphlet just before he went on holiday. There was no sign of what was to come."

Mr Howarth's late father, Tom, also changed sides but in the opposite direction. His father was High Master of St Paul's School, London, personal liaison officer to Field Marshal Montgomery during the war, and senior tutor at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

But he never came to terms with his decision to vote Labour in the 1945 general election. In 1985, three years before his death, he published a book, *Prospect and Reality: Great Britain 1945-55*, which attempted to explain it.

Dominic Hobson, a Tory candidate, who worked on the book, and worked with Alan Howarth when he was director of the research department at Conservative Central Office in 1979, said: "It is hard to imagine what Tom Howarth would make of his son's decision. He was a brilliant academic. Alan Howarth is clever but cold and hard to get to know. The timing of his defection is extraordinary."

PETER TREVINO



Gillian Howarth London yesterday. She supported her husband's decision

Disabled betrayed by Tories, wife says

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND LEYLA LINTON

GILLIAN HOWARTH said yesterday that she supported her husband's decision and knew he had been struggling with his political affiliations for at least three years. She denied that former minister had suffered an emotional breakdown or was experiencing a "midlife crisis".

She said: "It's a purely political conversion." The couple, who announced in June that they were to separate after 28 years of marriage, discussed his decision at length.

Mrs Howarth, who teaches English at Westminster School, said: "I fully support what he's done. He's a very honourable man."

Responding to jibes from Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, about his emotional state, she replied: "There's nothing wrong with his state of mind." However, she admitted that having a child with cerebral palsy had changed the way Mr Howarth viewed Tory health service policy and had served to make him question the effect of government policies.

The daughter of a wealthy Dublin family, she said she felt the Tories had bitterly betrayed disabled people.

'I've taken a decision but I don't apologise'

ALAN HOWARTH explained the reasons behind his decision to join the Labour Party to Sir David Frost yesterday on BBC Television. The following is taken from that interview.

DF: What was the Damascus moment of decision?

AH: I think the Labour Party led by Tony Blair and John Prescott now presents itself very positively, very attractively, as a party warmly committed to social justice, but tough minded about the realities of governing; the kind of politics that I've always wanted. So I decided . . .to ask Tony Blair if he'd be willing to see me and we had a talk together.

DF: And how did that go?

AH: Well I was encouraged. He asked me some very searching questions. I think he wanted to be clear that if I came and joined the Labour Party I would be doing so for positive reasons, which is certainly the case, and I think he also wanted to be sure that I understood the down-side . . .I felt at the end of that conversation that I was indeed on the right track, but I thought that I ought to observe the Labour Party Conference, see what happened. If the Labour Party Conference showed that the Labour Party is indeed a modern party ready for government, inspired by an ethos of fairness and decency but also hard-headed and practical, then I would no longer have any doubt that it was the party that I needed to belong to. That is indeed the case.

DF: Harry Greenway this morning said that you should fight Stratford immediately as a Labour MP. Do you think you should do that?

AH: There have been. . .60 or more cases over the last 60 years of sitting MPs who have switched to another party and on only four other occasions have they fought by-elections . . .I was elected to serve in this Parliament. I make the judgment that I can speak and I can vote as I judge to be in the best interests of them [my constituents] and the country, speaking as a Labour Member of Parliament.

DF: Do you think you owe a note or a call of apology to the Prime Minister or to others of your colleagues?

AH: Indeed, I do not apologise; I don't think I owe an apology. I've taken a decision. I hope it won't be regarded as priggish or pretentious but I've done this because I actually think it's the right thing to do, so I'm not going to apologise for it.

DF: You'd like to find a Labour seat at the next general election, presumably, or is this your farewell to politics?

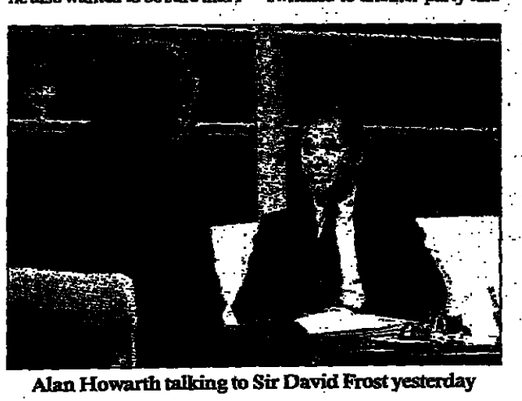
AH: You achieve nothing in politics as a loner, you have to work through party. . .The question for me is whether I can make a useful contribution within the Labour Party.

DF: Do you hope to be a Labour MP after the next election?

AH: I would love that, of course. . .but I'm a very, very long way from there.

DF: Do you think it's possible that . . .other Tory MPs may follow your example?

AH: They have to make their own judgment. . . There are perhaps 30 or 40 backbench Conservative Members of Parliament who I suspect broadly share my views . . .Of course I would be pleased if some of them were to come to the same conclusion that I've come to.



Alan Howarth talking to Sir David Frost yesterday

Thatcherite stance softened to compassion for weak

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE rhetoric of Alan Howarth has changed beyond recognition in his 12 years as an MP as he moved from the right to the left of the Conservative Party.

One year ago he warned the Government that it faced electoral catastrophe unless it moved to the centre ground of politics which Tony Blair intended to make his own. This was a long way from his early days as a founder member of the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group of MPs.

In his maiden speech in July 1983 he argued: "Inflation is the arch destroyer of jobs. The task of Government is to clear away the obstacles to growth, not to inject inflationary boosts to demand."

In December 1984 he co-signed a letter blaming union activity, the closed shop and Wages Councils for unemployment. In February 1985, supporting Tory restrictions on trade unions, he spoke of teachers' unions "which import methods alien to the profession".

After leaving the Government in 1992 after five years as a whip and education minister, his public utterances changed. In a series of articles, usually in the *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, he criticised the uncaring image and policies of the Government. In October 1993 he wrote: "If we accept, as John Major assuredly does, that we do not want a harsh society, that we need to balance efficiency with humanity, it follows that ministers must face down the retributive right."

CHANGING VIEWS

In November 1993: "The Conservative Party must not be obsessed with reducing public expenditure. The party should renew a more expansive and generous tradition which recognises that our society is interdependent, and that it is the duty of the strong to help the weak."

March 1994: "The Government told MPs that anti-discrimination legislation would lead to unquantifiable costs for businesses and taxpayers. We cannot afford morally or economically to continue as we are. The Government must act decisively to change the culture."

October 1994: "There is no alternative for the Conservatives, other than electoral catastrophe, but to contest the centre ground on which Mr Blair intends Labour to pitch its tents."

January 1995: the Government was destroying the traditions of "one nation Toryism" by reducing welfare spending. July 5, 1995: a 20 per cent Tory rating in opinion polls was partly attributable to "appearing indifferent to the poor and weak and offending the British sense of fairness."

July 14, 1995: "I hope the Prime Minister will make clear, in his appointments and the style he establishes for the Government, that the Tory party stands for humanity and efficiency and compassion as well as competition." It would be absurd to let Labour claim alone to represent one nation.

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Helicopter search for gunman who shot dead two British tourists in Tangier hotel

Girl who escaped killer carries on with holiday

By Mark Huband in Tangier and Richard Duce

A SCHOOLGIRL described yesterday how she confronted a gunman who shot dead two British tourists at a hotel in Morocco. Charlean Barker, 12, her hand bandaged after Friday night's attack, survived by feigning death when the man opened fire on her in the hotel corridor.

Charlean was woken by gunshots at the Tarik Hotel on the outskirts of Tangier, and found Patricia Sharratt lying bleeding in the doorway of her room.

"He had shot her and I think he was going to shoot her again but then he saw me. I said to him 'Excuse me, can you help with this woman?' He held a gun up and I held my hands up to my face while he shot, and then I fell down and pretended I was dead so he would go away," Charlean, from Bradwell, Norfolk, said.

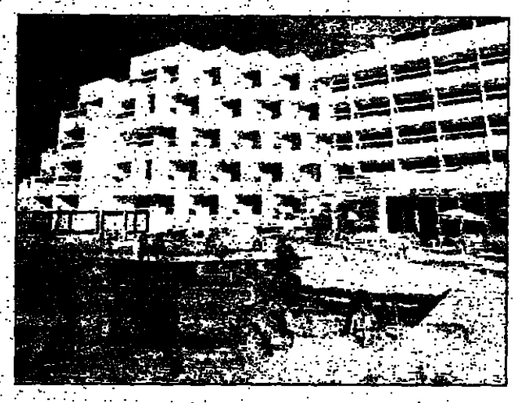
Only minutes earlier the gunman, an off-duty police inspector, had killed Martin Gower, 62, and his wife Margaret, 63, in the hotel bar. The couple, from South Ruislip, London, were on holiday to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Their son Adrian, 30, said yesterday: "A car accident or plane crash you might half expect but for someone to shoot your parents dead is just unbelievable. The whole family is distraught." A French tourist was also injured.

The gunman, Mustapha Hamouche, 37, was still at large last night. He had shot dead his wife, apparently after discovering that she had been meeting foreign men at the hotel. After deliberately targeting foreigners, he escaped into a forest close to the hotel and police set up roadblocks around the city in an attempt to capture him.



Margaret and Martin Gower were celebrating their wedding anniversary at the Tarik Hotel, below



Tracker dogs and helicopters were drafted in for the manhunt but police were considering the possibility that Hamouche may have turned the gun on himself. A police spokesman in Tangier said he was shocked and surprised by incident. "Hamouche was very good at his job," he said.

One British witness said: "The gunman came into the hotel bar from reception. I noticed him because he was very handsome and he was wearing a long white robe. He walked up to a raised area where there was a piano and shouted 'Allah Akbar' [God is 'Great] and then he shot Mr Gower in the chest. Mrs Gower jumped in shock and he shot her. Then he ran into the lounge where we were sitting. He went up to a Frenchman who was there with a Moroccan girl and shot him at close range."

Graham Brake, 47, from Huddersfield, said: "I just heard bangs and thought it was party poppers. The man ran in front of me with the gun and I thought it was some sort of cabaret until I saw the blood. By then he had just flipped. He was going berserk, shooting at anybody."

He described Charlean's ordeal as "mind-numbing" but said: "She was very brave. She obviously did the right thing by pretending she was dead."

It is thought the man then chased Mrs Sharratt up the stairs and shot her in the back before firing at Charlean, who was hit in the hand and suffered only a graze.

Mrs Sharratt, 50, believed to have been travelling alone, had two bullets removed from her back in a Tangier clinic. A hospital spokesman said: "It's a serious injury but she remains stable." Mrs Sharratt is expected to be flown to Britain by air ambulance today.

Charlean was on holiday with her brother Andrew, 17, her mother, Janet, 38, and stepfather, Francis Hall, 45. The family will continue their holiday after tour firms offered to move them to another hotel. Other tourists have chosen to be flown home.

Yesterday the Tarik Hotel, situated several miles outside Tangier, was closed and all the guests had left or been transferred to other hotels.



Charlean Barker: pretended to be dead after the gunman shot her in the hand

Barbara Kirkham, from Rainford, Merseyside, said: "We were looking forward to our holiday but I will be glad to get back. You read about these things happening but you don't think you will be the centre of it. I was a nervous wreck and I dread to think what a 12-year-old went through."

Alan Johnson, 46, from Barnsley, South Yorkshire, said: "He was not a serial killer. What happened could have happened in Britain. We were just in the wrong place at the wrong time." The bodies of Mr and Mrs Gower are expected to be held in Tangier while the police investigation continues. Mr Gower ran his own plumbing business and was a member of the local British Legion. The couple had two children and five grandchildren.

Church produces soap opera guide to marriage

By Alexandra Frean

THE Roman Catholic Church is marketing "soap opera" videos as part of an effort to reduce the divorce rate and encourage couples to marry.

In an attempt to convey the Church's message on the sanctity of marriage, the Catholic Communications Centre has produced a three-part training video featuring fictitious couples. Ged Clapson, of the centre, said: "In the televisual age, the use of soap opera is considered a very effective way of reaching young people."

The videos, called *Marriage — What It Takes*, deal with facing up to in-laws, handling rows, adapting to living as a couple and coping with financial strains. The scenes are based on the experiences of people who have approached the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, which helped to produce the video. It is designed to help counsellors and priests as well as couples.

Eileen McCabe, of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, said: "More young people are realising that a genuine commitment is needed as they enter into a relationship with another person or decide to get married."

Lord Habgood, the former Archbishop of York, has criticised the modern tendency to "worship the great god choice". In last night's Priestland Memorial Lecture on BBC Radio 4, he accused the media of perpetuating a "culture of contempt". The belief that universal truths existed was being replaced by the view that "everything boils down to individual opinion".

Star of tolerance sheds UN light but no sweetness

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A SATELLITE designed to celebrate the United Nations' Year of Tolerance has strained the patience of astronomers well beyond breaking point.

Claiming that it would threaten the whole of optical astronomy, the International Astronomical Union and the American Astronomical Society have protested to Federico Mayor, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

The idea for the satellite is that of Nersi Razavi, a Paris businessman, who is also a consultant to Unesco. With the help of a Russian rocket he hopes to launch the "Star of Tolerance" satellite, consisting of two giant balloons with shiny reflective surfaces, linked by a cable a mile long.

One balloon would be 164 ft in diameter, the other 98 ft, and they would rotate around one another while circling the Earth at a height of 750 miles. Reflecting the sunlight towards the ground, they would look like two planets in orbit around one another.

Mr Razavi believes the project would cost $20 million, which might be raised by a lottery. As well as glowing at dawn and twilight, the balloons would transmit radio signals between the countries over which they were passing. Astronomers have greeted the idea with horror. Optical astronomy is already burdened with an excessive amount of light from the ground. Adding a satellite designed to reflect light would make things worse.

Dr Robert Milkey, president of the American Astronomical Society, wrote to Dr Mayor that he was all in favour of peace and tolerance but "the proposed manner of communicating these ideas would seriously impair the science of optical astronomy all over the world".

Patrick Crane, of Interferometric Inc, a Virginia company, told *Physics World* that the satellite would appear as bright as the Moon. But Mr Razavi calls the American astronomers "arrogant and hypocritical" and says that the Star of Tolerance would be no brighter than Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. It would be visible only for two hours after sunset and two hours before sunrise, he says.

American astronomers fear the Unesco satellite could lead to the use of space as an advertising billboard. The Royal Astronomical Society said the last thing astronomers needed was a new source of light in the sky.

Holiday for those in a world of their own

By Kathryn Knight

RELUCTANT travellers who would rather sample European delights at home need venture no further than Walsall. A travel agency is offering a Euro-sceptics' weekend of German beer, French wines, Greek-style plate smashing and flamenco outfits within the confines of the Boundary Hotel in the town, eight miles northwest of Birmingham.

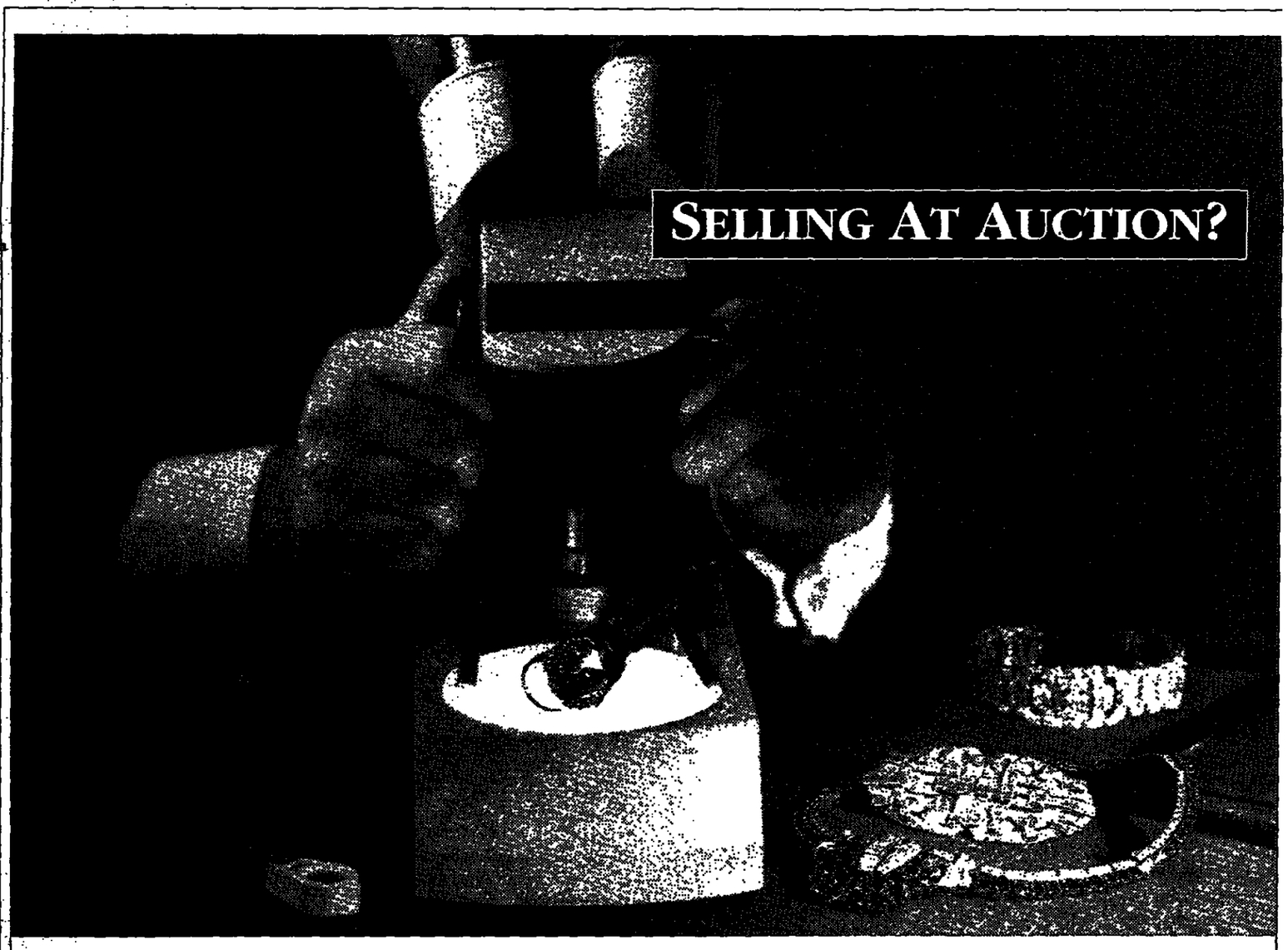
A hundred people have booked already. John Bridge, manager of the tour company, said: "There are people in this country who want to sample foreign food and drink without meeting foreigners. Some people hardly want to know their neighbours, let alone someone from abroad."

A brochure from Supreme Travel in Essex, sent to more than a million homes around the country last week, promises exotic but bureaucrat-free nights for £70 a head. "Are you a reluctant European? If so, we have the answer in the cultural capital of Europe — Walsall. You can sample the food, atmosphere and entertainment of Spain, France, Germany and Greece."

Mr Bridge, a Euro-sceptic himself, said that the idea began as a joke but there had been dozens of inquiries every day since the leaflet campaign. "There has been so much in the newspapers about Euro-sceptics that we thought there should be an official tour.

"We picked Walsall because — no offence to the people who live there — it is the unlikeliest culture capital of Europe." But Alan Young, the hotel deputy manager, said: "It's quite a nice place."

The Euro-sceptic MP Sir Teddy Taylor said last night: "Many people who go abroad for their holidays arrive back disappointed. Anything that keeps holidaymakers in Britain cannot be a bad thing."



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Childless couples look east to orphanages full of a nation's rejected daughters

China's unwanted baby girls find homes in Britain

BY GRAHAM DUFFILL AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

THIRTY British couples have successfully adopted a child from China over the past two years, when the Government made adoption from that country legal.

Chinese officials admit to having 100,000 unwanted baby girls — which in theory could answer the needs of every British couple wanting to adopt — but the real figure is reckoned to be many times that number. In its attempt to control its population of 1.2 billion China has a policy of one child per family and, with a premium on boys, the number of abandoned baby girls is incalculable.

In Britain the number of children given up for adoption has fallen from 27,000 in 1968 to 8,000 in 1992. Current procedures require the adoption to be approved by the local authority in which the couple lives and by the Department of Health.

The Overseas Adoption Support and Information Services (Oasis) says the process is a lottery depending on where couples live. There is no legal obligation on the local authority to help, and no requirement that they provide any research in assessing would-be parents — a home study — which the Health Department demands before agreeing to process an application.

Julia Fleming of Oasis says the principle objection is usually that it is wrong to put a Chinese child with parents of a different race. The difficulty for the couples is that the council rarely states its position but simply acts obstinately.

"A couple in Wales have waited four years for a home study. Others have been asked to pay £6,000 for it as a way of getting rid of them," she said.

"If you live in Beckenham in Kent you cannot get a home study if you are a single mother but if you live in mid-Kent you can. One council demands parents to have been married for three years."

Fenella and Eamonn Cournane, from East Sussex, spent £7,500 to adopt a baby girl, £2,000 of it on a home study.

Oasis, which receives 200 letters a week from couples interested in overseas adoption, wants the Government to require local authorities to assess couples for adoption and for reasons of acceptance or refusal to be based on uniform guidelines. Oasis feels that adoption is often refused because of ignorance over what is loosely seen as "baby trading".

The Baby Trade, broadcast on Saturday on BBC television, claimed that women in Paraguay were paid to have babies for American couples. In China the excess of babies prompted another television documentary, *The Dying Room*, to claim that Chinese orphanages were practising infanticide.

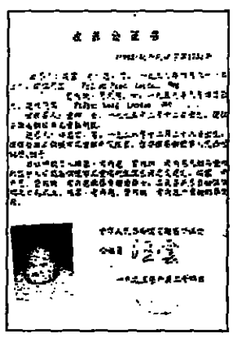
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Fenella and Eamonn Cournane with Phoebe. "We don't know what it's like to have your own child but we feel only pure love for her."

'You try not to get too excited in case there are setbacks'



Notorial Certificate of Adoption [translation]

Adoptive parents: Eamonn Cournane, male, born April 26 1957, now residing at Fulham Road, London.
Fenella Cournane, female, born September 4, 1959.
Adopted person: Tong Liu, female, born March 12, 1995, now residing at the Children's Welfare Institution of Tongling City, Anhui Province.
Chinese Guardian: Xu Zhongfa, male, born December 28, 1938, director of the Children's Welfare Institution of Tongling City, now residing at Building 96, the West People Town, Tongling City.
This is to certify that Eamonn Cournane and Fenella Cournane, and Xu Zhongfa have reached the agreement that Eamonn Cournane and Fenella Cournane adopt Tong Liu as their adopted daughter, and the adoptive relationship is established on the date when the Notorial Certificate of Adoption takes effect. Eamonn Cournane and Fenella Cournane are now Tong Liu's adoptive parents.

BY GRAHAM DUFFILL

AFTER two ectopic pregnancies and unsuccessful attempts at IVF treatment, Eamonn and Fenella Cournane decided in 1993 to adopt a child. Fenella, 34, an accountant with Arthur Andersen, and Eamonn, 36, a computer analyst with Barings Bank, knew they stood no chance of adopting a baby in Britain.

Mr Cournane said: "There was a lot in the papers about Romania and people buying babies but we wanted to do it legally. There is nothing more vulnerable than a childless couple — you almost wear a sign saying 'rip me off'."

They read about adopting a Chinese baby in a fertility magazine. His wife said: "We knew it was done legally and they had babies that needed families." In January last year they approached Hammersmith and Fulham Council and applied for a "home study", the first required step.

She said: "They took ages and did not allocate a social worker to us. We were obviously at the bottom of the list of people to be dealt with." After two months they were referred to Childlink, a Government-approved body that carries out home studies on behalf of the local authority, for a £2,000 fee.

Mr Cournane added: "We had three or four sessions with other couples before the social worker saw us about ten times for two hours each and we filled in about 60 sides of A4 questionnaires. We discussed identity, race, culture and how we would bring the child up." Last October Childlink recommended the Cournanes for adoption but they were unexpectedly rejected at the council panel hearing on November 2.

Mr Cournane said: "We were not allowed to attend and our social worker presented the case. Mrs Cournane said: 'The decision had already been reached and they weren't asked anything about our case. They have never approved anyone adopting outside the country. It was a bitter blow.'"

The couple then applied to be assessed for adoption by East Sussex Council, where they had bought a house. East Sussex accepted the original Childlink report and recommendation and in March this year they sent the papers, including employer references, marriage certificate and bank statements, to the Department of Health.

Mr Cournane said: "Once it got to them things seemed to move very quickly and it was apparent they were used to dealing with Peking." The documents were sent to Peking at the beginning of May, translated into mandarin, and on May 30 Mrs Cournane was told by telephone from China that a baby had been allocated. They had applied for a baby aged between three and six months but had no choice beyond that.

The next day Mr Cournane was in the Barings London office when the baby's medical records and picture arrived by fax. "I passed it around and asked people what they thought of my daughter. I gave Fenella a call at work and five minutes later we met on the corner of Bishopsgate and stared at this outline of a baby's face."

"You try not to get too excited — there might still be setbacks so you are always supressing your emotions."

When the real form with a colour photograph arrived from Peking the Cournanes detached it. "I carried it in my wallet one day and Eamonn carried it the next day. It was the first time that it realy felt like it was our daughter," Mrs Cournane said.

"We would have gone the same day. I was working on a big project at the time but had warned my company that this could come up," she said. The firm agreed to give her maternity leave.

On June 21 they flew to Peking and then to the town of Hefei, in Anhui Province. Mr Cournane said: "We were taken to a hotel and there was an empty cot in the corner of the room. It was 1.30pm and we were told our baby would be brought to us at 2.30pm."

His wife said: "It was the most surreal hour in my life."

The couple had brought clothes in three sizes because they did not know when the weight on the medical report had been taken. They had nappies, bottles, teats, baby formula milk and sterilising fluid.

Mr Cournane said: "Suddenly we realised that this is what it came down to. Up to this point we had dealt with issues of race, culture and identity and now we had to deal with nappies, bottles and crying. "At 2.30 there was a knock on the door and a young girl carrying Phoebe came in with the orphanage director, our guide and the interpreter. Phoebe was dressed in her best clothes. The girl gave Phoebe to Fenella and Fenella was crying, then she handed her to me.

> She was left outside the orphanage with only a piece of paper with her birthdate written on it

"We had eight officials in the room with us and were asked to fill in official documents. After two hours they asked us if we accepted her and we said yes. They said 'she is now your responsibility'."

After five days of formalities and registering Phoebe at the British Embassy in Peking, they flew home. Phoebe travelled on her Chinese passport in the name of Liu Tong.

Mrs Cournane said: "All we know about her background is that she was abandoned at three days. She was left outside the orphanage with a piece of paper with her birthdate on. It is illegal to abandon a child in China so there was no name."

Mr Xu named her Lin, meaning willow tree, and Tong after the Tongling Orphanage. "Liu is hard to pronounce and would end up as Joo, so we called her Phoebe Liu," she added.

China has a one child per family policy and families in rural areas want only boys. "The Chinese people we met seemed to take a pragmatic view of the solution," Mrs Cournane said. And, what would have been Phoebe's future if they had not adopted her? "I don't suppose it would have been great."

She said: "I don't know what it is like to have your own child but what I feel is pure love. She is Chinese and I want her to grow up proud of being Chinese. She has a Chinese godmother. When she goes to school I want her to go where she won't be the only Chinese child there."

Phoebe was christened last weekend and next week will join the other 30 families who have adopted Chinese children at a party. She is happy and healthy and the Cournanes have no regrets. Phoebe has been accepted by family and friends, although Mr Cournane ran into unexpected criticism at the tennis club. He said: "One of the men said there were plenty of children in this country who needed help. He clearly hadn't thought about it."

The adoption cost £2,350 for the home study, a donation of £2,000 to the orphanage and £750 in legal fees. Travel costs brought the total to about £7,500. The Cournanes want to return to the same orphanage next year to adopt another child.

Mrs Cournane said: "I know we are not her perfect parents. Her perfect parents are her natural parents — but that just didn't work."



Mrs Cournane, with officials at a hotel in China, meets Phoebe for the first time

Education 'refugees' on rise

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

WEALTHY families from Third World countries are sending their children to Britain as refugees so they can get a free education, according to councils facing a rising bill for looking after them.

The children, some as young as five, are brought to the country and then abandoned, often with no documents. The Home Office rarely deports them and it is left to the local authority where they are found to accommodate, clothe and educate them. The annual cost averages £25,000 a child, which has to be found from a council's budget.

In the past three years more than 1,000 children have arrived and been abandoned. Although many are genuine refugees from war zones, a significant proportion are believed to come from wealthy families who use paid agents to bring children in and infiltrate them into the social security system.

They are arriving at an increasing rate, with about ten a week being taken into care. Most travel by air to London but authorities in Kent and West Sussex also have to deal with children arriving by ferry.

The rising cost of looking after them is eating into social service budgets, with no compensation from central government. The Association of London Government, representing all 32 of the capital's boroughs, is writing today to Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, asking for help.

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Discrepancy between GCSE results increases pressure for national system

Competition 'drives down exam board standards'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

EVIDENCE that competition between examination boards is driving down standards at GCSE and A level will reopen the debate over "grade inflation" this week.

Senior examiners admit, in a Channel 4 documentary to be shown on Wednesday, that grade boundaries have been lowered to attract schools, which are switching boards at an unprecedented rate. Howard King, the former head of the Oxford and Cambridge Board, claims that a refusal to compromise on standards led to its demise. The board was taken over by its counterpart at Cambridge after thousands of candidates switched to other examining bodies.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, has ordered an inquiry by school inspectors and curriculum advisers into public examination standards. But the latest research, which shows a third of GCSE candidates getting different grades when they sit papers set by more than one board, will increase the pressure for a national examining system.

In the *Dispatches* programme, Professor David Burghes, who chairs the mathematics examiners at the Associated Examining Board, said it was being made a lottery as to what grade pupils got depending on what board they took. "I just feel it's not right and that it's time to stand up for common sense."

Professor Burghes, a professor of education at Exeter University, arranged for 400 pupils to sit GCSE mathematics papers set by two boards on the same day. More than a third achieved a higher grade with one board than the other.

Keith Weller, assistant chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which monitors examination standards, admitted that such differences would be worrying if repeated nationally. But he said it would not be in a board's long-term interest to market a shoddy product.

George Turnbull, director of public relations at the Associated Examining Board (AEB), insisted there was no evidence of variations in examining standards. But Professor Burghes said it was becoming slightly easier each year to achieve a high grade and any board lowering its pass rate would lose candidates.

Cheltenham College saw a 75 per cent rise in the number of A-C grades in physics given to its bottom sets when it switched them from the Oxford and Cambridge Board to the AEB. The school left its top pupils with Oxford and Cambridge but the gap between the sets closed substantially.

Dr Declan McCartan, former chief examiner for the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment, said there had been a difference of 15 marks between two boards in the total needed to achieve the top grade in A-level mathematics. "We felt that to be fair to the candidates it was necessary to bring the grade boundary mark down."



Shephard: has set up inquiry on standards



The boys at Harrow have been advised not to act like "the stereotypical little rich kid"

Lesson in humility for Harrow boys

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

Evidence indicating that some universities are biased against public schools will be presented to the Headmasters' Conference, which opens in Dublin tomorrow. Heads will be given the results of a survey of 250 independent schools, which is said to show a dozen clear examples of discrimination. Universities have always denied the allegation, for which there has been only anecdotal evidence in the past. The survey was carried out by the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 230 public schools, and the Girls' Schools Association. Leading article, page 17

PUPILS at Harrow School have been told not to behave in a "snotty-nosed" way to avoid being beaten up by local teenagers. The warning follows ten attacks in the first five weeks of term, including one where a pupil from the £13,000-a-year exclusive boys' school in northwest London was threatened with a knife.

The latest issue of *The Harrovian*, the school magazine, warned boys not to act like "the stereotypical little rich kid" on trips into town. The school is half a mile away in Harrow-on-the-Hill. Pompous behaviour would only foster an impression of a school for "a snotty-nosed bunch of brats", according to the magazine.

Incidents this term include verbal abuse and several muggings when boys have been punched and had pocket money stolen. General Sir John Akehurst, chairman of governors, said the warning was meant to ensure there could be no excuse for further attacks. He said: "I cannot promise that all attacks have not been provoked but the magazine advises Harrow boys not to provoke anyone because we are trying to teach them to be good citizens."

Sir John added: "There has always been a local sport of having a go at Harrow boys. The particular thing that gave rise to concern this time was that a knife was produced. Jostling and taunts are quite common because the Harrow boys are very recognisable in their blue blazers."

Sir John said more boys were venturing into town to use the cashpoint. A deal with a bank to provide one nearer the school was in the pipeline. He added: "We thought about trying to change the uniform to make the boys less conspicuous but decided they would always be identifiable whatever they wore."

Nicholas Bomford, Harrow headmaster, has lectured pupils on how to avoid provoking the local population. Sir John Farr, an old Harrovian and former Conservative MP, suggested pupils should be banned from the town for their own protection.

Sir John, at Harrow from 1936 to 1940, said: "One way of solving this would be taking off uniforms and going incognito into town but I don't think that is a good idea because the uniform is nothing to be ashamed of. If there is friction the boys should be prevented from going to the town for a term or two until things settle down."

Sir John added: "Obviously there are differences between the way in which the average kid in Harrow is brought up and the way kids who go to Harrow School are brought up. But we had no problems in my day because pupils rarely went into town."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Author's name cut from BBC drama

Michael Dobbs, creator of the political anti-hero Francis Urquhart, has made the BBC remove his name from the adaptation of his novel *The Final Cut*. It contains a scene which Mr Dobbs, a former deputy chairman of the Tory party, believes can only be interpreted as the state funeral of Baroness Thatcher. There is no such incident in his book.

When *The Final Cut* is shown next month it will credit the novel but not its author. Mr Dobbs said yesterday: "The BBC has the contractual right to put on screen its own interpretation of an author's work: I believe it has a corresponding professional responsibility to honour the spirit of the original work." The BBC said: "*The Final Cut* is a piece of fictional hokum."

Fire crews in strike vote

Members of the Fire Brigades' Union on Merseyside are expected today to back a series of 24-hour walkouts in protest at plans to cut 20 jobs. The firefighters have held a series of shift-long stoppages over the past few months but union leaders decided to raise the stakes by holding a ballot for increased action. If there is a yes vote, the first 24-hour strike is likely to start on October 18.

Supermarket fights fat

The Co-op is to give details of fat and calorie content on the front of all its products and will inform customers about the content of trans-fatty acids, which have been linked with heart disease. The supermarket chain is also to investigate ways of reducing the fat content of food without affecting taste, as part of its campaign to encourage healthy eating and to reduce obesity.

Boy, 6, killed by lorry

A six-year-old boy died yesterday when he fell from a milk tanker being driven by his father and was thrown under the vehicle. Police are investigating the accident, which happened on the outskirts of Lincoln. Andrew Easton, the lorry firm's transport manager, said: "I have known the driver and his son for some time. We are all very sad about the news." No names will be released until today.

Famous for five minutes

The BBC has produced a television history series, *The Twentieth Century Hall of Fame*, featuring people who have helped shape the past 100 years — including Charles Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe. The programmes, five to ten minutes long, draw on film archive from British Pathé News, dating back to 1895, and the BBC. Overseas sales of the "filler" programmes have reached £300,000 this year.

Award for Times writer

Rachel Kelly, the *Times* property correspondent, has been awarded top prize in the Laing Homes Residential Property Media Awards. She received a cheque for £1,000 at an awards ceremony in London on Friday for the "greatest contribution to the field of property journalism".

£9.2m jackpot shared

Three tickets shared the jackpot of £9.2 million in Saturday's National Lottery draw, each winning £3,089,417. A further 11 ticket holders won £259,251 each for matching five balls plus the bonus ball. Numbers, page 20

11-plus candidates have to prove their identity with signed photos

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN as young as 10 have been forced to produce signed photographs as proof of identity before being allowed to sit grammar school entrance tests. A Labour-run London borough has insisted on the measure because of fears of fraud.

Competition to pass the 11-plus is so fierce that a "level playing field" of weekend tests at external centres has been introduced by Redbridge council.

Parents have complained about the extra stress put on the 2,000 children competing for 120 places at each of the two selective schools in Redbridge. The council, whose education chairman opposes selection, is anxious to avoid any suggestions of unfair advantage.

For the first time, no children were allowed to take the test in their own school and they all had to take a photograph signed by their head teacher to take part in the all-day testing session this weekend. John Fairley-Churchill, Redbridge's education chairman, said: "We had to introduce this because one of the objections to centralised testing was that there could be fraud. People were suggesting that perhaps their children would be substituted to take the test."

Mr Fairley-Churchill said the tests had to be moved to the weekend because they clashed with lessons. "At the request of the head teachers we wanted to create a level playing field. We appreciated that if children at the age of 10 or 11 were taking the test in their own school, being encouraged by their own teachers, that may have been a slightly greater advantage than some poor soul going to a strange building and being tested by someone they don't know."

Now all candidates attend two morning practice tests and the afternoon non-verbal reasoning exam at an unfamiliar school centre. The tests were offered on Saturday and yesterday to accommodate pupils from different faiths. The whole exercise, estimated to cost £16,000, will be repeated next weekend for verbal reasoning.

Kash Mallick, secretary of the National Union of Teachers in Redbridge, said: "This is causing a lot of aggravation for parents. I can't see why we couldn't leave everything as it was." Nighat Akhtar said her ten-year-old daughter Afshi was physically sick through nerves yesterday morning. "Last year my son took it when it was done on a normal school day and he took it in his stride, whereas my daughter was really scared. I found it nerve-wracking myself."

Mr Fairley-Churchill said there had always been rumours that some schools gave more help to their pupils than others did, but it had never been investigated.

Birth defects research suggests that pregnant women should avoid liver

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHEN asking younger women to dinner, the considerate and cautious hostess may in future be wise to offer them vegetable crudités as their starter rather than liver paté.

Research at Boston University medical school has confirmed that an excessive intake of vitamin A is linked to various birth defects. So convincing is this evidence that the staid and respected *New England Journal of Medicine* has waived its usual rule and allowed doctors involved in the study to release their findings to the press, rather than wait until after the work has been published in its own columns. In 1990, reports of an apparent association between vitamin A overdosage and foetal abnormalities, particularly cleft palate, hare lip and heart defects, meant the Government's Chief Medical Officer took the precaution of advising pregnant women against taking vitamin pills containing vitamin A, and of avoiding fish liver oil or capsules containing the oils, unless under medical direction.

At the time the Department of Health also recommended that women should avoid liver or liver paté as high levels of vitamin A had been found in the livers of some animals.

Other authorities thought that the advice that pregnant women should avoid liver and liver paté was more cautious than was necessary and that pregnant women should merely be recommended to avoid the vitamin supplements and to have a normal wholesome diet.

Dr Kenneth Rothman's team has now provided meticulous statistical evidence which defines the dangers of vitamin A. They matched the vitamin A intake of more than 22,000 women who were pregnant between 1984 and 1987 and have related it to the number of children born with birth defects.

One worrying discovery is that vitamin A, a fat-soluble vitamin, is so effectively stored in the body that too high an intake of it before pregnancy is even considered can harm a baby conceived later.

Dr Rothman's study will be taken as an endorsement of the Chief Medical Officer's warning and his advice that in pregnancy, and now it seems for some months before pregnancy, the intake should not exceed 2,250 international units, although the US statistics show that 2,700 units, the recommended daily intake in the States, was perfectly safe. At 10,000 units of vitamin A daily, Dr Rothman's research showed that one baby in 60 was affected; at 20,000 international units daily the casualty rate was quadrupled.

The scientists at Boston University found that many of the women who were taking excess vitamin A were doing so unwittingly. Many of these patients were often buying more than one multi-vitamin pill without realising that each contained the full daily allowance of vitamin A. Others were unaware that cod liver oil, halibut liver oil and other proprietary preparations were rich in the vitamin. The research workers found that one vitamin pill on the market provided 25,000 international units of vitamin A daily, ten times the recommended dose.

But beta carotene, available in vitamin supplements as well as fruit and vegetables has, although it is chemically closely related to vitamin A, no adverse effects.

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You may be unaware of the changes to the rules governing income support. But you ought to know about them, because they may affect you. After October 1st, if you have a mortgage you will receive no assistance with your interest payments in the first two months of illness or unemployment, followed by reduced rates of assistance for the next four months. And if you're taking out a new mortgage or changing an existing mortgage, you'll receive no help for the first nine months. If you take out a mortgage with Midland, however, we'll offer you Mortgage Repayment Protection. This will pay your mortgage interest for twelve months during illness, after an accident or if you lose your job. And if you switch your mortgage to Midland you'll be happy to hear that on top of a free transfer and special mortgage rate discounts, we're offering the first six months' protection free. For more information on transferring your mortgage to Midland, return the coupon, visit your local branch or call us free on 0800 494 999.

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Lorry driver freed in Spain 'victim of European injustice'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BRITISH lorry driver enjoyed his first weekend of freedom after 19 months in a Spanish jail as a lawyer accused the European Union of failing to provide justice for its citizens.

Stephen Jakobi, of Fair Trials Abroad, said: "Everyone has concentrated on freedom of movement but nobody is concerned about uniform justice. The Council of Ministers should be finding some way to avoid people being held in prison for months and years before coming to trial."

Roy Clarke, 47, of Ewell, Surrey, held on a £36 million drug-smuggling charge, was freed on Friday when a Spanish judge decided there was insufficient evidence to convict him. He has been granted "provisional liberty" until tomorrow, when he is expected to be formally discharged.

Mr Jakobi said anyone arrested for crimes such as drug-smuggling could not get bail. The different legal systems in the Community meant that even processing papers could take months. "There are at least 3,000 people in prison across Europe who should not be there. Many are awaiting trial on offences of which they are not guilty," he said.

He cited the case of Steven Bryant, who was jailed in Morocco after drugs were found in the load of frozen squid he was bringing to Europe. "He was just a driver picking up a load," Mr Jakobi said. "How would he know if there were drugs in the container? The drivers at risk are the independents, who work rather like minicabs. They don't know where the next load is coming from or what it is. Smugglers don't know them but they can take the chance of putting drugs in among the load." John Harrower, of Shaw, Manchester, is serving four years in France for smuggling 80 kg of cannabis among a load of beetroot. He is due to appeal against sentence next month. Mr Jakobi said: "This is almost an identical case to Mr Clarke's. There was nothing to show he had any knowledge he was carrying drugs. His tachograph readings did not indicate an extra stop on the route."

Mr Clarke was arrested in February last year when Spanish police seized 2.4 tonnes of cannabis resin concealed in concrete piles in his truck en route to Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. He protested his innocence from the outset and British customs officials testified at his trial, saying many lorry drivers were unwitting victims of international drugs gangs.

LUCA BRUNO



The Italian designer Gianfranco Ferré with two models in clothes from his uncomplicated Milan collection

Acclaim for Ferré's elegant simplicity

FROM IAIN R. WEBB IN MILAN

GIANFRANCO FERRÉ has given his latest spring and summer collection, in Milan, a less-is-more theme.

Ferré dressed the supermodels in ultra-simple shapes and for the most part in understated black and white; his striped long skirts worn with clingy black jersey tops appeared this weekend as the finale of Milan Fashion Week.

Ferré is known for his overindulgence and elaborate cuts; and these refreshingly uncomplicated designs in body-hugging fabrics were acclaimed by the international press and buyers. Especially popular were his navy and white knitted tunics worn with narrow trousers or an ankle-length straight skirt.

Ferré's evening-wear was equally straightforward; he concentrated on achieving an elegant silhouette. This collection is one of his best.

Law Society

Pay for worst-off solicitors falls to £10,000 a year

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of solicitors are earning less than £10,000 a year and are at risk of going out of business, according to research for the Law Society.

A survey of 500 firms has found that although bigger practices have survived the recession comparatively well, those run by a single solicitor are vulnerable, with earnings at an all-time low. John Jenkins, policy adviser of the society's research unit, told solicitors at their annual conference in Birmingham at the weekend that the survey of solicitors' profits, before tax but after meeting overheads such as staff, found that about 800 of the 3,400 sole-practitioner firms in England and Wales were earning less than £10,000 a year.

Looking at the next band of firms, the 3,600 that have from two to four partners, a quarter were earning less than £24,000 a year, Mr Jenkins said. Although the profession as a whole had enjoyed a steady growth in income over the past few years, that growth appeared to have reached a plateau. "So we could be at a turning point: on the brink of the collapse which some have talked about."

But the survey, to be published in the society's next annual statistical report, also found a striking contrast between small firms and big ones.

"For the top 25 per cent, life is not too bad. Solicitors are certainly doing well at this stage of an economy which is apparently coming out of recession compared with other industries," Mr Jenkins said.

The average gross fee income, before outgoings for staff and overheads, was on average £123,000 for a sole practitioner for 1993-94; £138,000 for a partner in a firm of two to four partners; £175,000 for a partner in a five to ten-partner firm; and £485,000 for partners in firms of 26 or more partners.

Mr Jenkins urged solicitors to look to new areas of work, in particular commercial work with local businesses. Commercial work still accounted for 30 per cent of the profession's fee income and conveyancing was still the second biggest area at 12 per cent, although this was sharply down from 22 per cent in 1989.

☐ Hourly rates charged by firms are not at the high level of £300 quoted in some surveys, Carole Willis, controller of the society's research unit, told the conference. These figures related to large commercial firms and bore no relation to most solicitors. A new survey had found that the average hourly fee across Britain was £101.

Top-paid silk agrees to work for nothing

PETER GOLDSMITH, QC, the Bar chairman and one of the highest-earning silks at the commercial bar, has personally accepted Tony Blair's challenge to professionals last week to work for nothing for three days a year.

Mr Goldsmith made his promise as he launched a Bar Council *pro bono publico* scheme at the weekend to co-ordinate the provision of free services by barristers. He told the Law Society conference that the Bar recognised there was "an unmet need" for legal advice that could not be handled under legal aid. He was sure many others would follow his example.

The new scheme would co-ordinate all free services and offer awards to barristers to provide such services.

Woolf demands cash for reforms

BY FRANCES GIBB

LORD WOOLF, the law lord, challenged the Government publicly to back his reforms of civil justice by promising to put money into them. He also gave warning that he expected the Government to treat the 124-proposal report as a package and not to accept some proposals while ignoring others.

Lord Woolf, who outlined the biggest overhaul of civil justice earlier this year, said he believed that officials were working on the proposals. "But I would like to see solid evidence that it is happening, rather than in the bowels of the Court Service Agency and the Lord Chancellor's Department."

Lord Woolf's comments at the Law Society conference echoed concern in the legal profession that his proposals could founder through lack of funds. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has yet to respond formally to them. They envisage judges becoming trial managers who would dictate the pace of cases, and a fast-track system for disputes involving less than £10,000, with lawyers' fees fixed in advance.

Last week John Taylor, junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, was jeered by barristers when he failed to promise money to put computers into all courts, another of the proposals.

Lord Woolf said on Saturday that there was no prospect of the Government providing "a substantial injection of resources" – both main political parties had made that clear at last week's Bar conference. "But this does not mean the proposals are doomed. They can be achieved by the redeployment of resources and some pump-priming." Other funds could be found through removing "substantial inefficiencies in the system at present".

He said the proposals were intended as "an integrated and co-ordinated whole ... I would be concerned if in due course the majority of them were not implemented."

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Millions of civil servants set to strike amid doubts over Prime Minister's future

Juppé puts blame for franc's fall on 'London gnomes'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PLAGUED by financial uncertainty, a looming strike and doubts about his political future, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, has taken the time-honoured step of blaming the British.

During a meeting of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic Party (RPR) in Avignon at the weekend, M Juppé denounced what he called "the London gnomes" for currency speculation that sent the franc plummeting on foreign exchange markets last Friday.

News of a criminal inquiry into corruption allegations against the Prime Minister and mounting concern over his ability to cut spending and reduce the state deficit produced a crisis in the French financial markets on Friday amid rumours in London and Paris that M Juppé was on the point of resigning.

The rumours were quickly scotched by the Prime Minister's office, but not before the Bank of France was forced to step in to protect the franc against international currency speculators. The franc has lost more than five centimes against the German mark since Monday.

M Juppé defended his drive for deficit reduction and singled out British currency speculators for special criticism. "I do not want to cut the deficit in order to please the market, those people I'll call ... the London gnomes. I do it because the national interest is at stake," he told Gaullist members of parliament on Saturday.

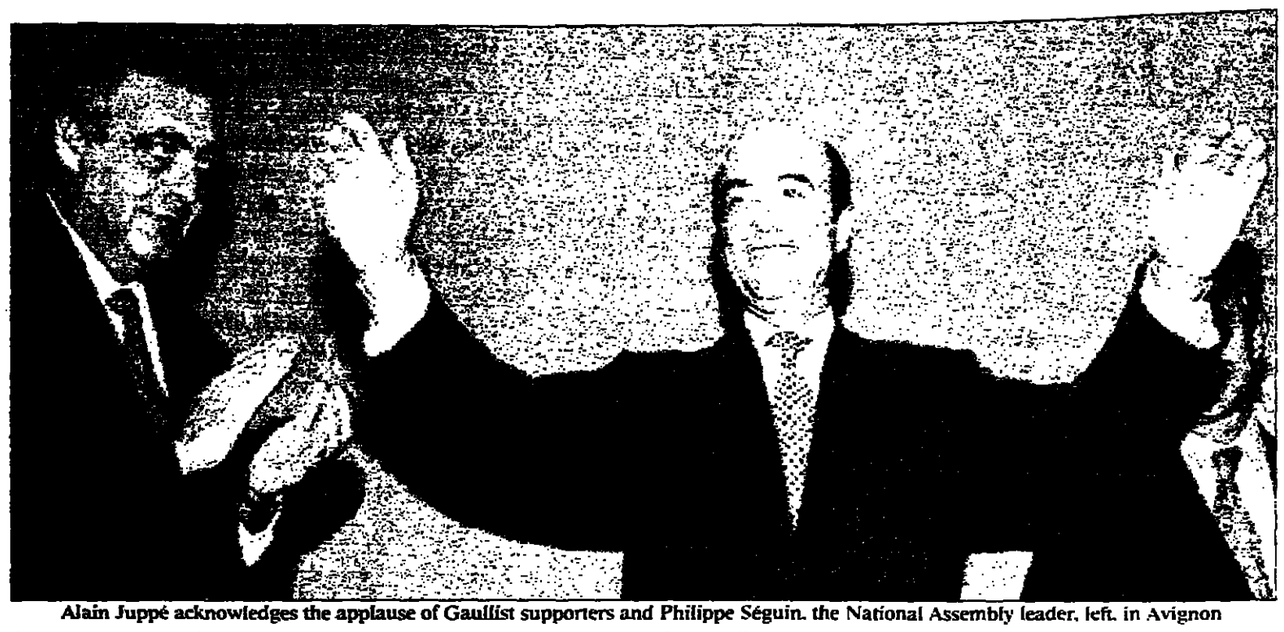
The newspaper, *La Liberation*, joined in the anti-British chorus, dubbing the archetypal London speculator "John O'Money", noting that "London is where these rumours originate". It quoted one dealer as saying: "A good liquid lunch is enough to set them discussing which politician will resign next."

The Prime Minister is under investigation over his lease of a flat belonging to the city of Paris, following allegations that he used his influence while deputy mayor to obtain the elegant apartment in the Saint Germain de Près district at a reduced rent.

M Juppé has denounced the preliminary inquiry by the public prosecutor as a "Socialist plot", but on Friday he announced that he and his family would soon move out of their flat on the Rue Jacob to "turn the page" on the affair.

The prospect of tomorrow's one-day strike by France's five million civil service workers has exacerbated financial jitters. Schools, museums, transport, courts and hospitals will be affected, as workers take to the streets to protest against M Juppé's planned wage freeze. Putting a brave face on his tribulations and dismal opinion polls, the Prime Minister told supporters that he retained the full confidence of President Chirac.

However, doubts about his economic policies persist even within Gaullist ranks. Philippe Séguin, the Speaker of the National Assembly who has been tipped as a possible replacement, is known to be critical of his efforts to raise taxes and reduce the deficit.



Alain Juppé acknowledges the applause of Gaullist supporters and Philippe Séguin, the National Assembly leader, left, in Avignon

Santer heads for nuclear storm

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE anti-nuclear anger of Europe's northern states is threatening to give Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission, a rough ride this week as he seeks to defuse pressure for action against France while avoiding fresh criticism that he is a weak leader.

Mr Santer, 58, who succeeded Jacques Delors last January, will head a Commission session in Strasbourg on Wednesday which should decide whether to get tough with President Chirac for neglecting to involve the European Union in his decision to start nuclear tests.

France has angered the Commission with its cavalier treatment of an EU inspection team in Polynesia and by its refusal to hand over data. However, while nine EU states have deplored the French tests, there remain doubts over the Commission's authority to invoke long-dormant articles of the 1957 Atomic Energy Treaty, or its power to enforce them.

Sections of the Commission and many left-wing MEPs want proceedings against France for flouting clauses which require consultation and, in some cases, consent from Brussels for "particularly dangerous experiments".

Britain, which won Mr Santer's appointment last year after rejecting Jean-Luc Dehaene, the majority choice, is no enthusiast for Brussels meddling in national defence. Germany, despite its anger over the tests, wants no action that would further alienate France from the federal drive.

Mr Santer is reluctant to entangle the Commission in the sovereign policy of a senior member state. It is not for the Commission, he says, "to give the green or the red light to a nuclear test".

Disappointment with Mr Santer among some sections of the Commission can be measured in a joke. The new single currency has finally been named, it goes. The unit will be called the Delors and it will be worth 100 Santers.

Algerians admit to French bombings

BY BEN MACINTYRE

THE Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most violent of the fundamentalist Algerian factions, has claimed responsibility for the wave of terrorist attacks in France over the past three months in a statement sent to an international news agency in Cairo.

In the letter, the GIA vowed to continue its bombing campaign, which has killed seven people and injured more than 150, and said it would "wage Holy war into the very heart of France" in retaliation for French support of the Algerian Government.

The statement, which has yet to be authenticated but appeared to be genuine according to Algerian sources, claimed that the GIA had written earlier to President Chirac, calling on him to convert to Islam within three weeks, "after reconsidering his position and consulting his conscience". It added that "the perfidious Chirac had refused". M Chirac is scheduled to meet President Zeroual of Algeria during a visit to the United Nations in New York later this month.

A homemade bomb exploded on a railway line near Paris yesterday, but investigators played down the attack, which caused slight damage to the track, and would not link it to the recent series of bombings.

Residents of the western suburb of Marly-le-Roi said the powerful predawn blast was heard over a large area. Nobody was hurt.



Zeroual: due to meet President Chirac

Migrants heading for Britain dumped in sea

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY'S "post-Fascists" again called for tougher immigration controls yesterday after a group of Indian labourers who thought they were going to England were tossed into the Mediterranean near Capri, where they managed to get ashore.

The group of 20 from Bombay swam for hours after being thrown overboard in the Gulf of Naples by an Arab smuggler who took them on board in Tunisia, police said.

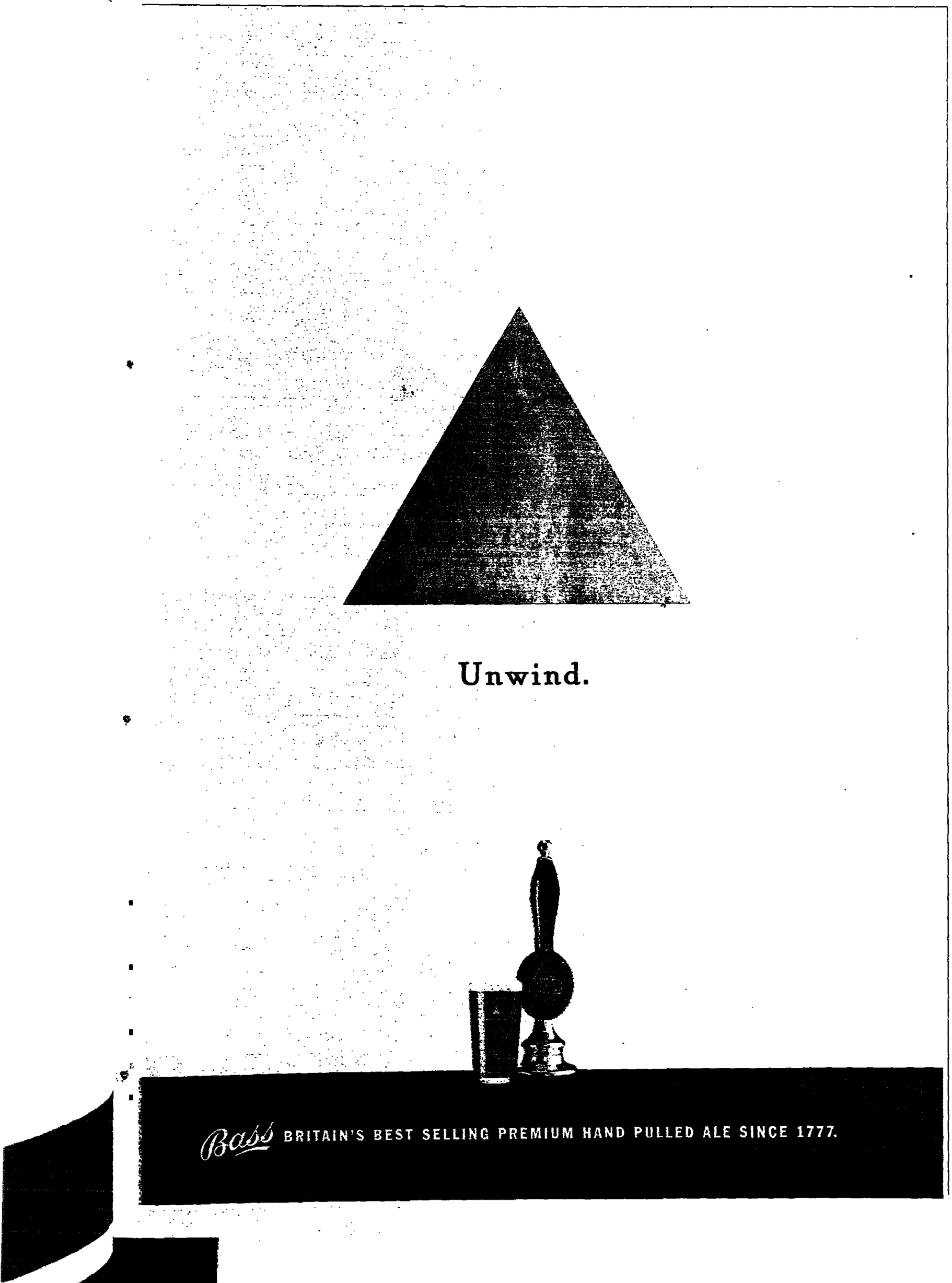
Bedraggled and dripping, they were rounded up by police after landing at the fashionable Marina Piccola beach and wandering into the island's main square. They have been given two weeks to leave Italy.

The incident captured the public imagination in a continuing debate about slack immigration controls that has led the Government of Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister, to send troops to the southern region of Apulia to patrol the coastline.

Il Messaggero newspaper claimed the Indians asked where they could find the bus to London. "They were disappointed that the rocks in front of their eyes were black instead of the white cliffs of Dover." They said they had travelled to Tunis from Bombay by air.

Yesterday supporters of the conservative Forza Italia party held a rally in Milan, urging the Government to adopt tougher legislation to prevent soaring crime there among east European and other illegal immigrants.

The "post-Fascist" National Alliance asked members to join the demonstration, condemned by the Milan police officers' trade union because they said it risked degenerating into "xenophobia if not racism".



Japan Justice Minister to resign over 'secret loan'

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S Justice Minister will resign today after allegations that he received an unreported 200 million yen (£1.3 million) personal loan. Although Tomoharu Tazawa denies that he made a deal with the Heiseikai opposition group to keep quiet over the loan, the ruling coalition parties have forced him to resign.

His successor is likely to be Hiroshi Miyazawa, brother of Kiichi Miyazawa, a former Prime Minister. Liberal Democratic Party sources said that the party wished to get rid of Mr Tazawa, who has been reluctant to support a revision of the Religious Corporation Act.

The pretext for revising the Act is to prevent a repetition of crimes linked to the doomsday Aum Shinrikyo cult, led by Shoko Asahara, which has religious corporation status. The revision would also affect the funding of the Buddhist lay group, Soka Gakkai, a vote-generator for the New Frontier Party — the main opposition group.

Mr Tazawa did not report the alleged loan in August — a violation of regulations requiring Cabinet members to disclose assets. Last Monday, according to news reports, Mr Tazawa telephoned Ichiji Ishii, the Heiseikai leader, requesting him to drop questions about the loan. In return, it is alleged, the minister promised to block the proposed revisions.

At Tuesday's session of the Upper House, Mr Ishii was expected to question the minister about the loan, but he did not. Mr Ishii and Mr Tazawa have denied that any deal was struck, and Mr Tazawa says the loan has since been repaid.

Mr Tazawa's resignation smooths the way for revision of the Act, which some believe may be used to threaten fundamental liberties. The proposed revisions will allow the Ministry of Education to decide which religious activities are "genuine", and to investigate any that are doubtful. But whether the revised Act will prevent another incident such as the Aum Shinrikyo nerve gas attack on Tokyo's underground railway on March 20, is highly questionable.

When Koichi Kato, the secretary-general of the LDP, was asked how the new Act, might prevent similar incidents in future, he admitted that it was unlikely to be effective. Disturbingly, he has also stated that "religion does not match the principles of parliamentary democracy".

Many religious leaders are troubled by the proposed changes, which will increase government power to police religions and raises for some the spectre of authoritarianism.



Asahara: his cult at centre of political row

FBI rule out man held as bomber suspect

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE FBI yesterday questioned a man in connection with the "Unabomber", the serial killer who has eluded one of the most intensive manhunts in American history for 17 years — but ruled him out as a suspect.

Initial reports said he was arrested in a van bearing California number plates after he had driven through a red light in Evanston, a Chicago suburb. Members of the special FBI Unabomber task force in San Francisco were sent to interview the suspect.

Later, police chief Gerald Cooper announced: "Unfortunately, I have to say we do not have the Unabomber, nor have we ever claimed to have had the Unabomber."

Earlier it had been reported that electrical equipment and a gun had been found in the suspect's van.

A typewriter thought to match a series of letters signed by the Unabomber had been discovered previously in an Evanston home.

Three people have been killed and 23 injured during a campaign of terror by the cloaked figure whose targeting of universities and airlines earned him his bizarre nickname. In his most recent attack, in April, a timber industry lobbyist was killed by a bomb sent to his Sacramento office.

Last month both *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* newspapers printed his protracted manifesto attacking modern technology. The bomber had said he would cease acts of violence if the tract was published.

Investigators have spent years picking through shards of his previous bombs, and searched airline records for any clue to the carriers he appeared to be targeting.



General Powell at the White House with George Bush, the former President, soon after the Gulf War

Powell keeps supporters guessing ahead of visit to London and Paris

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Colin Powell's tour of London and Paris this week may provide clues to the one question Americans most want answered — what he would do if he were to reach the Oval Office.

Even if he does divulge to Europe what he has not yet told the American voters, it may not matter much in the end. General Powell is being lionised not for his position on the issues of the day, but for who he is.

The general is almost universally perceived as authentic, honest, inspiring and — though he has spent much of his career in Washington's innermost sanctums — untainted by the filth of American politics.

As he proved in the Gulf War, he is probably the only man in America who can say "trust me" — and the country does. His stature and presence leaves the official candidates looking like pandering political hacks, pathetically diminished. But having exposed this void, General Powell is now being sucked inexorably into it.

Next month the "draft Powell" movement plans to present him with a petition amassed over the past few weeks. On Thanksgiving Day, Tex McCrary, who organised a Madison Square Garden rally to persuade General Dwight David Eisenhower to run in 1952, is arranging a similar event for General Powell. His supporters will appeal to his soldier's patriotism and sense of duty, and the general must also consider the consequences of not running.

Having whipped up such a storm of speculation, he would look as if he had done so merely to sell more books. Having criticised both the Republican and Democratic parties, General Powell would look as if he lacked the courage of his convictions. His halo would quickly lose its lustre.

The second pertinent question is whether this "Rockefeller Republican", having virtually ruled out an independent candidacy, could win the nomination of a Grand Old Party supposedly dominated by conservatives. Again, the answer is a resounding "yes" because the alternative those conservatives would face is four more years of President Clinton.

Polls suggest the general would trounce Mr Clinton by 10 to 15 percentage points. According to a *Boston Herald* survey, he would even sweep the ultimate liberal bastion of Massachusetts. By contrast, Mr Clinton is opening an ever wider lead — presently six to ten points — over Robert Dole, the fading Republican frontrunner, whose most compelling claim is that after three failed White House bids it is "my turn".

Ross Perot's new Independence Party presents another potent reason for conservatives to swallow their ideological misgivings about General Powell. Back in 1952, Eisenhower attracted millions of new voters to the Republican Party. Its total vote rose to 34 million from a mere 22 million in 1948.

General Powell could likewise reassure millions of moderates and independents deterred by the conservatives' ascendancy. Conversely, he alone could prevent them defecting to the Perot camp in numbers sufficient to split the Centre-Right vote and let Mr Clinton sneak back in.

The Republican Party is fast succumbing to "Powellmania". Though he has yet to spend a single day campaigning, General Powell has drawn level with Mr Dole among likely Republican voters in Iowa and New Hampshire where, incidentally, independents can vote in the Republican primary. Prominent conservatives — such as Jack Kemp and Bill Bennett, former Cabinet members; William Kristol, Vice-President Quayle's old chief of staff; and Arianna Huffington, a close Newt Gingrich ally — are lauding him. Even Ralph Reed, head of the 1.7 million-member Christian Coalition, notes that the general, despite his support for abortion rights, agrees "with many of the things we were promoting — traditional family values, school choice and things of that nature".

The ideological purists are understandably appalled. They see General Powell as a defender of the status quo, a counter-revolutionary who has spent his life on the government payroll, an unreformed moderate who would hijack the party just at their moment of victory.

Their increasingly shrill protests are a measure of the general's growing appeal. "If he should get the nomination," complains Paul Weyrich, a lifelong conservative activist, "it would be as if Ronald Reagan never lived and Nelson Rockefeller never died".

Peking issues warning to local leaders

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

PRESIDENT Jiang Zemin of China, in a key speech published yesterday that had echoes of Mao Tse-tung, seemed to hint that a period of uncertainty could lie ahead.

Reflecting the anxieties of the Chinese leadership at a time when the country's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, 91, may be near death, he said that stability was fundamental to Communist Party rule.

Again and again he emphasised central control, warning provincial leaders not to defy Peking: "We will not allow the existence of either local interests or departmental interests that jeopardise the interests of the country as a whole."

Mr Jiang said that China was in a period of economic transition. With "drastic changes" taking place, it was of great and immediate significance to maintain stability. "Without a stable political and social environment, nothing can be done and it will be difficult to accomplish any plan no matter how good it is."

The President also announced the "ten major relationships" China must tackle. Analysts said the speech, made on September 28 at the end of a party plenary session but published only yesterday, was reminiscent of Mao's "ten major relationships" speech in 1956 — one of the most significant of the late Chairman's 1949-76 rule. It also seemed to make clear that Mr Jiang and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, the two main leaders under Mr Deng, are unsure of their position and ability to maintain control after he dies.

Diplomats noted Peking has frequently admonished local officials for arbitrarily raising prices and easing credit, moves Peking says could hamper its attempts to rein in inflation — seen as a key social issue affecting stability when so many are on low, fixed wages.

While calling for an increased role for market forces and further opening to the outside world, Mr Jiang emphasised that the public sector, employing more than 110 million people, should retain its pre-eminence. Some people, he added, were getting rich too quickly, and the income gap between rich and poor was too great.

☐ **Mao sold:** An oil painting of Mao Tse-tung fetched 6.05 million yuan ($728,900) at auction over the weekend. Bought by an anonymous Chinese entrepreneur, the Liu Chunhua painting depicts Mao in his late 20s, rallying miners to strike. *(Reuter)*

Care for poor, Pope urges US

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE POPE ended his five-day visit to America yesterday sounding like an old-fashioned liberal after a series of veiled attacks on the Republican majority in Congress.

While reiterating his views on abortion, pornography and family life, the Pope repeatedly urged Americans to show greater generosity to the poor, to welcome immigrants and to support the United Nations.

The Pope never explicitly mentioned Republican plans to slash welfare payments to the poor, to restrict immigration and reduce UN funding. But church leaders say the Pope wanted to express his dismay over the growing isolationism and mean spiritedness of the country he calls "God's playground". Holding Mass for a rain-sodden congregation of 83,000 at an American football stadium in New Jersey, he quoted the poem by Emma Lazarus that adorns the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

He asked: "Is present-day America becoming less sensitive, less caring toward the poor, the weak, the stranger, the needy? It must not. Today, as before, the United States is called to be a hospitable society, a welcoming society. If America were to turn in on itself, would this not be the beginning of the end of what constitutes the very essence of the American experience?"

Before he left New York, the Pope met leaders of other faiths and told Jewish groups that he was working on a papal encyclical on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. He also said he planned to visit Jerusalem.

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Zimbabwe outcry over white Evita

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

A ZIMBABWEAN impresario, Jimmy Perreira, has flown to London to beg Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's agents not to punish alleged racism in casting by imposing a ban on further performances here of his musicals.

Angela Mushore, 24, a black singer, claimed that because of her colour she was barred from the role of Eva Perón in a production of *Evita*. The gala charity premiere here last month was attended by Prince Edward.

Miss Mushore, cast in a supporting role, stopped the show with her rendition of *Another Suitcase, Another Town*. She said that many whites in the capacity audiences "and even a very nice Afrikaner couple" had come to her saying that she, not Rani Klockner, a white expatriate, should have played the title role.

Donald McNeill, *The New York Times* correspondent, highlighted Miss Mushore's complaints in a recent article on the insularity of Zimbabwe's remaining 80,000 whites. This brought a threatened Lloyd Webber ban on performing rights.

Dawn Parkinson, the director, described Miss Mushore's attitude as "sour grapes".



Lloyd Webber: angered by racism in casting

Australian cancer alert

Sydney: Visitors to Australia are to be warned about the cancer dangers of sunshine, its main tourist attraction. Brochures funded by cancer councils will advocate a midday siesta, sun cream, hats and tightly woven clothing. The country has the world's highest melanoma rate. *(AFP)*

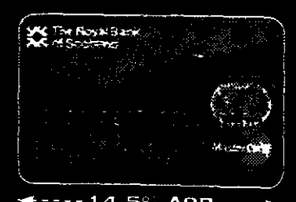
Quake kills 78

Sungaipenuh, Sumatra: New tremors caused panic here where an earthquake killed at least 78 people on Saturday, officials said. A medical team has arrived to treat more than 2,000 injured. *(Reuter)*

Snorers at risk

Tel Aviv: Snorers run a higher risk of heart attack than quiet sleepers, say Israeli doctors, who found that nearly 93 per cent of heart sufferers snored. Most fatal attacks occurred between 4 and 8 am. *(AFP)*

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Women refuse to leave Israeli jails

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A GROUP of 20 Palestinian women prisoners were refusing to leave their Israeli cells last night — despite official pardons — in protest at Israel's refusal to set free four Arab women convicted of murder in an amnesty included in its peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The latest dispute raised new doubts about the credibility of the peace process among Palestinians. For many of them, the whole question of prisoners, both male and female, is the most emotive issue under discussion. About 5,300 are still in Israeli custody.

Israeli officials said that of 21 pardons issued under the terms of the deal signed in Washington, only one Palestinian woman — an 18-year-old resident of East Jerusalem convicted of trying to stab an Israeli soldier — had agreed to sign the document renouncing any future terrorism which was a condition for freedom.

Jamila Dihu, awaiting the release of her sister, Rula, said that the remaining women may go on hunger strike: "We are very worried. The news is not encouraging at all."

The Israeli monitoring group Peace Watch condemned the Government for reneging on the deal signed last month: "It is the Government's responsibility to cope with any internal difficulties it may face."

In Gaza, Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, released Dr Mahmoud Zahar, a paediatrician and prominent Hamas official, from prison yesterday, police said. It is the latest sign of a thaw between the Palestinian authority and Muslim fundamentalists.

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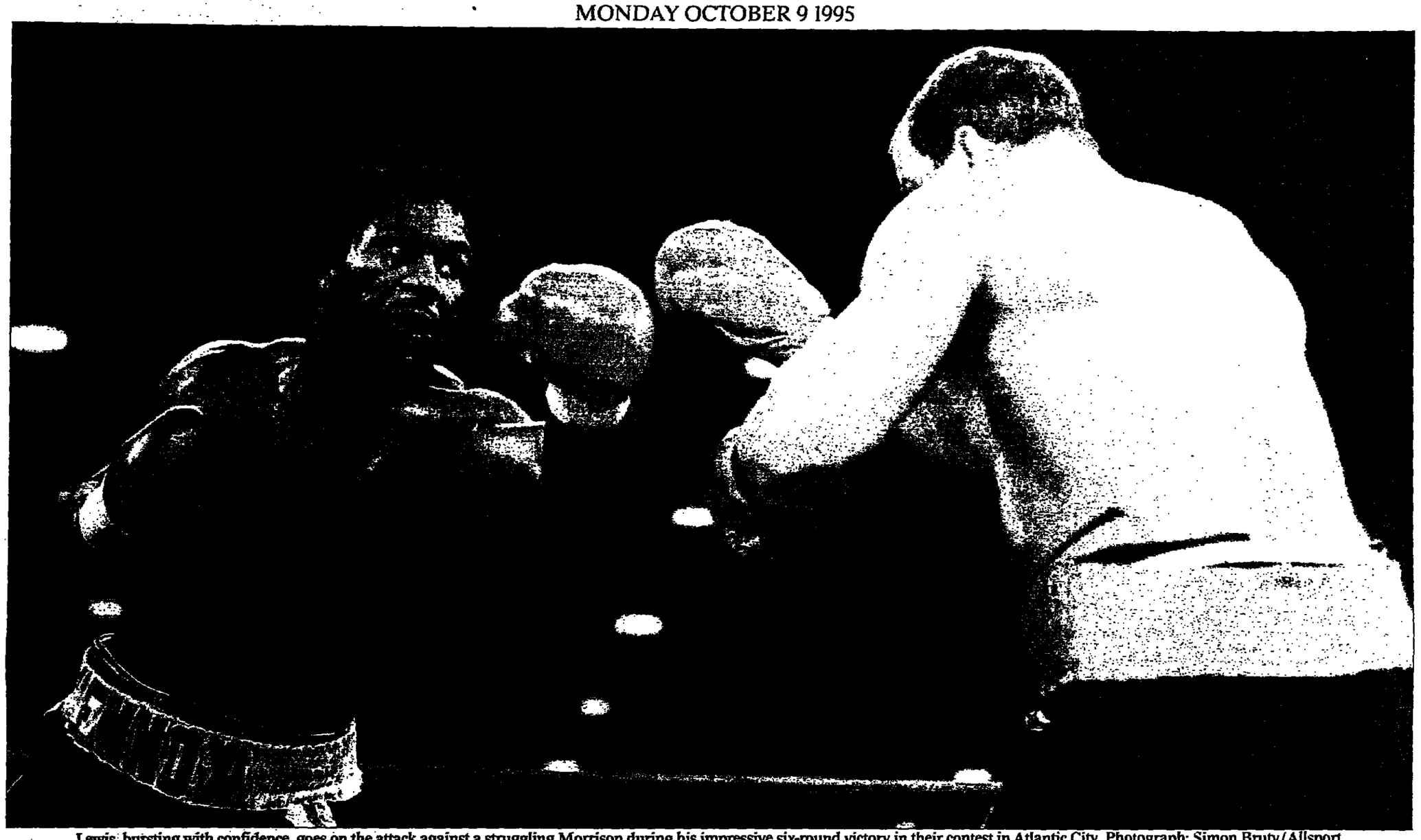
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Lewis, bursting with confidence, goes on the attack against a struggling Morrison during his impressive six-round victory in their contest in Atlantic City. Photograph: Simon Bruty/Allsport

Briton trounces Morrison to line up Bowe or Bruno

Lewis dispels the doubts

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTIC CITY

LENNOX LEWIS is within sight of his goal to become the best heavyweight boxer in the world. After his win in the sixth round over Tommy Morrison here on Saturday, he has been told that he will be meeting the winner of the bout between Riddick Bowe, universally acclaimed as the top heavyweight, and Evander Holyfield on November 4.

The bout, which will not be for any championship but simply the acclaim, will take place in March or April, depending on whether Lewis is successful in getting the World Boxing Council (WBC) to honour the ruling of its convention in Seville last year and order Frank Bruno to defend against him.

After seeing Lewis's destructive powers in the best performance of his career against Morrison, an opponent not of Lewis's own choosing and one that most heavyweight contenders prefer to avoid, Bruno is hardly likely to go happily into the ring with the man who, two years ago, clubbed him into submission in seven rounds.

Lewis is the legitimate challenger after his win over Lionel Butler in May in an eliminator ordered by the WBC, but, as Bruno's promoter, Don King, wants to keep the WBC championship in his possession to give Mike Tyson first challenge, the Lewis camp expects King to make a case to the WBC to keep Lewis off until Tyson lifts the title.

Lewis's backer, Panos Eliades, will ask the WBC to start the negotiation procedure to stage the bout between Lewis and Bruno. If the WBC does not comply with Eliades's request, the matter will go to court.

Dan Duva, the head of Main Events, Lewis's American promoters, said: "We hope Bruno is the champion he professes to be and defends against Lewis. If he doesn't, he's going to have a lot harder fight out of the ring than he's had in it."

Lewis's trainer, Emanuel Steward, was so delighted with Lewis's performance that he said neither Bowe nor Holyfield would last more than eight rounds against him. Certainly, Lewis looked a more rounded boxer than before and appeared to put the traumatic second-round defeat by Oliver McCall a year ago firmly behind him. He dispelled fears about his nervousness by taking Morrison's best punches and coming straight back to wipe out the deficit. As Lewis said: "I was really confident. I have got a new arsenal of punches. The best of Lennox Lewis is yet to come. Put the right opponent in front of me and different things will come out."

Particularly impressive was his ability to make openings for himself with short punches and unleash combinations at close quarters. The best punch of the night was a left hook. As Lewis has stopped most of his opponents with the long right, Morrison was taken by surprise. Indeed, each of the contest's four knockdowns, in the second round, fifth round and two in the sixth, came from short punches, two of which were left hooks.

In the second, as Morrison drove Lewis up against the ropes, he slipped to one side and clipped Morrison with a left that immediately dropped him. Morrison got up quickly, but the blow had opened a cut by his right eye.

Morrison came back strongly in the next two rounds and looked determined to beat Lewis to the jab. He was successful when landing some good lefts and a couple of good right hands, but those blows did not deter Lewis.

Instead, Lewis's left hook again dominated the fifth round and, as Morrison came in, head down, he was floored with a beautiful uppercut, quite an achievement for a tall man like Lewis. Again Morrison was up quickly, but now his right eye was almost completely closed.

Lewis, noticing that Morrison had little depth of vision, came in close and dropped him with a short jab. Once again, Morrison rose and tried to hold, but Lewis broke free and threw a left hook moving away. Morrison fell and this time the referee, Mills Lane, decided to step in. Morrison, game though he was, was not able to defend himself.

Steward was not surprised that Lewis won the bout with his left hand. "Lewis showed his new left hook," he said. "He is a very gifted athlete and next year you're going to see a much better fighter."

Perhaps the sharpest observation came from Seth Abraham, the head of Time-Warner Sport. "It was Lewis's best fight since Gary Mason. This was his first professional fight. Whether it's to do with Steward or Lennox, it was his first professional fight."

Abraham was right. This performance should go a long way to winning over those critics who have always labelled the former Olympic champion as little more than an amateur.



TONY DUFFY/ALLSPORT

Morrison, on his knees for the fourth time, tries in vain to gather his senses



POUR MONSIEUR
ELEGANCE IS TIMELESS
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Reality falls short of an attractive theory



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

A fortnight or so ago, BSkyB's new plan to improve its coverage of the FA Carling Premiership appeared in newspapers. The satellite network would harness the very latest in digital technology to show every Premiership game on a Saturday on a pay-per-view basis.

The news must have been met with laughter at ITV Sport, where some of the very oldest television technology is currently harnessed to do something similar for the Endsleigh Insurance League. It is called regional broadcasting, a technology as old as ITV itself, which allows each regional company to broadcast its own programmes as well as programmes carried by the whole ITV network.

Theoretically, it means that, on a Sunday afternoon, Yorkshire Television could be showing Barnsley against Huddersfield, while London Weekend broadcasts Millwall versus Charlton. Central could show Birmingham's derby with Wolverhampton Wanderers and Granada Tranmere Rovers against Oldham Athletic. Who needs digital television, ITV executives argue, when you have regional variety like this?

Yet, as ever, there is a big difference between theory and practice. Under ITV's existing contract with the Football League, it can shortlist up to four games from the first division to be played and shown live on a Sunday afternoon. In practice, however, that diversity is rarely achieved, thanks to a curious mixture of simple economics (each live game is over and above ITV's £5.75 million-a-year contract with the Football League) and sheer indifference by television executives, who remain unconvinced about the mass appeal of live football from the lower divisions.

Yesterday, for instance, Birmingham City versus Southend United was the only game in town and while it was good to hear Brian Moore in splendid form and see Steve Claridge, the Birmingham forward who scored both his team's goals, in even better form, the crucial thing was that, of the "Big Five" ITV companies, neither Yorkshire or Granada covered the game. Similarly, many of the smaller ITV companies regularly avoid the Sunday game, preferring to stick to a shorter magazine format showing edited highlights of Saturday's games.

Midweek football nets a similarly mixed bag. While ITV's live coverage of the European Cup Champions' League is networked and has pulled in peak television audiences of nine million (remarkable, given Blackburn Rovers' appalling European form), the early rounds of the Coca-Cola Cup, the League's other principal property, are not. Regional companies have to find room for late-night highlights when they can.

Nevertheless, some of the extraordinary results of Wednesday night will have served only to convince the owners of the first division clubs that this half-hearted, regional approach is selling their game short. They have seen the beneficial effect that more live coverage has had on the Premiership and they want their division to have similar opportunities. They also, of course, want more money.

ITV's existing contract with the Football League runs out at the end of this season. Renewing it should be straightforward. The League must notify ITV of any counter-offer by November 1. ITV then has a month to match it. Simple.

The problem is that the Football Association has intervened, hoping that a sufficiently large amount of money will convince the first division club owners that bringing the Endsleigh Insurance League and the Coca-Cola Cup under the same commercial umbrella as the Premiership and the FA Cup will be to their advantage.

Assuming the second and third division owners can be brought on-side (the phrase "take it or leave it" springs to mind), the League's properties will be combined with the Football Association's to be divided up between BSkyB, ITV and the BBC in a manner as yet unknown but no doubt best summarised as "to each according to their means". These days, that's football.

SPORTS BRIEF

Boetsch cuts short Courier's rally

ARNAUD BOETSCH became the first Frenchman to win a leading tennis tournament for two years when he beat Jim Courier, the top seed, 6-4, 6-7, 6-0 in the final of the Toulouse Open yesterday. Courier won the Swiss Open last week and appeared to be ready to fight back after losing the first set. After the second set tie-break, however, Boetsch swept to victory, reclaiming the title he won in 1993. "I tired a little and it was a bit difficult in the second set," Boetsch said. "I had some highs and lows during the tournament but I held up."

Courier battled back from 3-1 down in the second set. He had a chance to level the score when he had a set point at 5-4, but Boetsch saved it with a reflex volley with both players at the net. In the tie-break, Courier came back from 3-1 behind to win 7-5, only for Boetsch swiftly to take command again in the third set, finishing the match in style with a delicate cross-court winner.

Criville celebrates

MOTORCYCLING: Alex Criville, of Spain, won the European Grand Prix, the final 500cc race of the season, in Barcelona yesterday, but the victory could lift him no higher than fourth in the overall world championship standings. Michael Doohan, of Australia, who was fourth, had already secured the world title.

Criville manoeuvred his Honda through the 73.27 miles and 25 laps of the Montmelo circuit in 45min 16.932sec, holding off late challenges from Shinichi Itoh, of Japan, and Loris Capirossi, of Italy, also riding Hondas, to win by less than a second. Neil Hodgson, of Britain, was ninth on a Yamaha and John Haydon, another Britain, riding a Harris Yamaha, was tenth.

Majoli off the mark



TENNIS: Iva Majoli, right, of Croatia, beat Mary Pierce, of France, to win the European Indoor tournament in Zurich yesterday — the first title of her professional career. Majoli, the No 7 seed, overcame the second seed 6-4, 6-4 in a see-saw 60-minute encounter. The victory will probably take Majoli, 18, into the world's top ten for the first time. She is ranked 13th at present.

Thomson's final repeat

BOWLS: Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion, and Richard Corsie, the player he beat in the final in March, qualified to meet in the final of the Flogas Causeway Coast Irish Masters at Ballymoney yesterday. Thomson beat John Price, of Swansea, 21-11, in the quarter-finals, then went on to defeatBrendan Thompson, of Co Antrim, by the same score in the semi-finals. Corsie had trouble with Price's Swansea colleague, Steve Rees, before winning, 21-19, then beat Jeremy Henry 21-14.

Haining regains title

ROWING: Peter Haining, the triple world lightweight sculling champion, regained his pairs title in the Head of the River race over the Thames on Saturday. After his entry with the heavyweight, James Cracknell, had been frowned on by British selectors, Haining's late pairing with a fellow Scot, Rorie Henderson, paid off and they headed the 165-crew entry. Guin Batten, already qualified as the British Olympic single, and sister Miriam, stroke of the British eight, finished fourteenth overall and took the women's section.

Defiant Allen beats heat



TRIATHLON: Mark Allen, right, of the United States, resisted a challenge from Thomas Hellriegel, of Germany, as well as stifling heat to secure his sixth Hawaiian Ironman world championship. In the women's race, Paula Newby-Fraser, of Zimbabwe, collapsed after being overhauled 400 metres from the finish by Karen Smyers, of the United States. Newby-Fraser finished fourth.

Cardiff shoot down Jets

ICE HOCKEY: Durham Wasps, Cardiff Devils and Nottingham Panthers confirmed their title credentials with impressive premier division wins on Saturday (Norman de Mesquita writes). Cardiff looked particularly sharp in their 10-2 victory over Slough Jets. In the first division, Manchester Storm proved that they are quickly finding their feet with an 18-1 demolition of Billingham Bombers and Bracknell Bees crushed Solihull Barons 14-2.

Olympic consolation

GYMNASTICS: Although Britain's gymnasts did not qualify to send teams to the Olympics next year, their much-improved voluntary exercises at the World Cup in Sabae, Japan, earned them two men's and two women's places in Atlanta. Britain's falls in the compulsory bars routines were compensated by steady work in the voluntary beam routines, with Karin Szymko scoring 9.5 and Annika Reeder, Michaela Knox, Zita Lusack and Gemma Cuff all topping 9.4.

Forsbrand withstands onslaught by Langer

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN BERLIN

ANDERS FORSBRAND, not by nature a Swede of the cool and unflappable school, held his nerve to withstand a multi-national birdie barrage and win the Mercedes German Masters with a total of 264, 24 under par, at the Motzener See Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Five shots ahead of Langer after three rounds, Forsbrand, whose last win was in Morocco 20 months ago, was far from unassailable, especially on another Indian summer of a day, on a course where the record of 61 was set on Friday. When he played the front nine in an unremarkable level-par 37, to find his lead reduced to one, memories flickered of past Forsbrand frailties.

After all, this was a player who had walked off the course at the French Open last year rather than return a score of 100-plus. This was the man who was going to be the first Swede to make the Ryder Cup team — Joakim Haeggman and Per-Ulrik Johansson beat him to it — and the first to win a major championship — still an open question. Now 34, a veteran of 14 years on tour, he has shown his talent but also revealed himself as a person prone to self-doubt and even self-destruction.

"His mind's great," Andrew Ramsey, Forsbrand's young manager, insisted yesterday, and so it proved. Chased by Johansson, the roly-poly Englishman Russell Claydon and the redoubtable Langer, Forsbrand stood up to it all, coming home in 32, three under par, to finish two strokes ahead of Langer, four ahead of Claydon and five ahead of Johansson and Jesper Parnevik.

"If you beat Bernhard in Germany, you usually win," Forsbrand had said on Saturday but his initial problems were not with the German but with Claydon and Johansson, who both roared out in 32, five under par, to reach 20 under. Johansson had two eagle threes in that burst, at the 2nd and the 8th, where he tapped in a putt of no more than 18 inches.

Claydon, the course record holder, had played sloppily in a third round of 74, but as the birdies flowed again, he caught Forsbrand at 21 under with a three at the par-four 10th. However, Claydon bogeyed the 11th, where he was bunkered, and even though he came back with a birdie two at the 12th — where Johansson's chances sank with a tee-shot into the water and a double bogey — he could do no better than play the remaining six holes in one over par.

That left Langer, for whom no cause is ever lost. Three behind Forsbrand at the turn, he came home in 31, with four birdies in the last six holes, and found that it was still was not enough. He chipped in at the 11th for a birdie three — the roar suggested at least a hole-in-one — but Forsbrand, wielding a putter designed by a former furniture maker, responded with birdies at the 12th and 13th. Langer three-putted the 15th, and when the big Swede holed from four feet for a birdie two at the 17th, it was all over. Even a Langer birdie at the last was a never-say-die gesture of defiance, nothing more.

The week's birdie blitz did not quite pass Sam Torrance by — he had 20 — and the Scot did enough to move back to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit, with Colin Montgomerie and Langer in his slipstream. Torrance has £630,481, Montgomerie totals £626,651 and Langer, who won £72,210 yesterday, has £570,174.

All will be decided at the Volvo Masters in three weeks at Valderrama and Torrance, the only one of the three never to have won the Vardon Trophy, presented to Europe's No 1 every year, was remarkably sanguine about the prospect. "The pressure's on them," he said. "They've got to catch me."

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LEADING FINAL SCORES: 264: A Forsbrand (Swe) 64, 64, 67, 69. 268: B Langer (Ger) 67, 66, 67, 68. 268: R Claydon 66, 61, 74, 67. 269: PU Johansson (Swe) 64, 66, 71, 68. J Parnevik (Swe) 68, 64, 70, 67. 271: P Eales, 65, 69, 70, 67; J Haeggman (Swe) 67, 67, 68, 69. 272: H Thul (Ger) 70, 70, 66, 66. J Cocares (Arg) 68, 73, 65, 66. S. Struver (Ger) 69, 71, 65, 67. R Boxall 71, 66, 67, 68. I Gamdo (Sp) 70, 66, 67, 69. 273: T Lehman (US) 67, 67, 70, 69. J Sandelin (Swe) 67, 67, 70, 69. 274: R Allenby (Aus) 71, 67, 71, 65. R Karlsson (Swe) 69, 70, 69, 66. J Townsend (US) 66, 74, 66, 68. P Teravainen (US) 69, 69, 69, 67. S Grappasonni (It) 68, 71, 67, 68. S Richardson 69, 68, 68, 69. A Lyle 67, 72, 66, 69. G Turner (NZ) 67, 68, 69, 70. J Payne 68, 66, 69, 71. 275: P Hedblom (Swe) 67, 66, 75, 67. M Mackenzie 67, 72, 69, 67. M-A Jimenez (Sp), 66, 67, 74, 68. V Singh (Fiji) 71, 63, 71, 68. P Mitchell 68, 64, 71, 72. R Goosen (SA) 64, 69, 70, 72. 276: J Rivero (Sp), 69, 70, 70, 67. S Ames (Trin) 69, 70, 67, 70. F Lindgren (Swe) 68, 63, 72, 73. 277: R Patten, 71, 70, 71, 65. S Torrance 71, 70, 68, 68. M-A Martin (Sp) 68, 72, 69, 68.



MARC ASPLAND

Boardman leads the field up Overton Hill during the Merseyside Wheelers' invitation time-trial yesterday

Boardman makes winning return

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN made an important phone call last night to his Gan team director, Roger Legeay. "I'm OK. Will see you later in the week," was the brief message.

Legeay had back in his fold Boardman, the Olympic champion, who a few hours earlier had given cycling's most famous limb — his left leg — a punishing fitness test in his first race since breaking it in two places when he crashed on the opening day of the Tour de France 14 weeks ago.

Boardman had entered the Merseywide Wheelers' 28-mile time-trial weeks before he was certain whether he would be sufficiently recovered to compete. The event, two circuits of a sylvan course through the Delamere Forest, Cheshire, is one that he had made his own. In nine years he had scored six victories.

Yesterday he took the total to seven and, almost as a "thank you" to hundreds of his fans, Boardman set an event and lap record.

His winning time of 1hr 04min 56sec improved by 1min 25sec the time set by Stuart Dangerfield. The crowd's sympathies were with his runner-up — a position he has occupied on four occasions.

The Willenhall rider shrugged off defeat. "It's taken an Olympic and ex-world champion to beat me so really I'm rather pleased," he said. Boardman said that he felt lethargic before starting and reckoned that he rode at 90 per cent of his potential. "There was no pain or twinges from the ankle," he said. "Everything was fine but I didn't take any chances on the switchback course." As a precaution he was using heavier tyres than usual.

He had one bad moment: on a 40mph descent, a photographer was positioned in the middle of the road on a blind left-hand bend. Boardman's popularity is easy to understand. Always a club cyclist at heart, he appreciates the difficulties amateur organisations have in financing a major invitation event. Yesterday he handed back his winner's £250 prize money. "Put it into next year's event," he said. "I want to see it continue."

Latvia brush aside English challenge

THE worst fears of Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, were confirmed in the Sports Palace here in Riga last night as his team opened their programme in the semi-final round of the European championships with a disappointing 94-67 defeat by Latvia (Nicholas Harling writes).

Without Steve Bucknall and Spencer Dunkley, who were both injured, and the unavailable John Amaechi, Nemeth had agonised over whether England had the height and flair to match their hosts. England's passing was competent enough, but, without Bucknall to distribute the ball in unexpected directions, it was all too predictable.

Karl Brown did his utmost in the forbidding circumstances to improve England's plight with a determined performance from the back court — a display that made him his side's top scorer — but Latvia's composure was never disturbed.

The signs were ominous from the start for England. Their opponents had collected their first nine points before Brown opened the visitors' account with a free throw and it took England well into the fourth minute before Roger Huggins shot their first field basket.

With England struggling, Latvia were able to gorge themselves in the later stages, much to the delight of the 4,000 crowd. It can only get better for England against Estonia at Leicester on Wednesday when Bucknall may return. "Even if he's half-dead, we can do with him," Nemeth said.

Longo recovers to take second gold

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JEANNIE LONGO, of France, won her second gold medal in three days with a victory in the women's individual road race in the World Cycling Championships in Bogotá, Colombia, on Saturday.

Longo, 37, won comfortably despite colliding with other cyclists on the second of five laps of the 11-mile circuit around Duitama, northeast of the Colombian capital. She also won the gold in the 26km race.

Catherine Marsal, also of France, started off slowly but caught up to Longo in the fourth lap and finished 36sec behind her to win the silver. Edita Pucinskaite, of Lithuania, won the bronze medal.

After falling in the collision, Longo stopped at the end of the second lap, where medical staff examined her leg and mechanics fixed her bike. "I felt an intense pain and I was afraid I wouldn't be able to finish, but gradually I recuperated," she said.

Danny Nelissen, of Holland, overcame a mountainous circuit to win the men's amateur road race. Matthew Stephens, of Britain, was eighth. Nelissen, a professional rider until last year when he lost his contract with the TVM team, outsmarted riders who are far more experienced in mountainous terrain and altitude to win the 177km race in 4hr 52min 39sec. Daniele Sgnaolin, of Italy, was second, finishing 18sec behind the winner, while Pedro Rodriguez, of Ecuador, finished third after holding off a challenge from Victor Becerra, of Colombia, in a sprint finish. It was the first time Ecuador has won a medal at the world championships.



Longo: finished first despite crash

The race was held on a 17.7km circuit around the provincial town of Duitama. The route, at an altitude of 2,800 metres, consisted of a long climb followed by a twisting descent, heavily favouring riders from the host nation.

Nelissen, 24, broke away from the other riders during a steep descent on the penultimate lap of the ten-lap race and never looked like being caught after that.

Stephens led for six lapsbefore a puncture put him out of contention, the Briton finishing 4min 26sec behind Nelissen. His achievement earned Britain five places in the road race at the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year. The first 34 nations represented in the finishing order were given places.

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Hill says impatience may cost him title

DAMON HILL admitted last night that his impatience had contributed to his probable loss of the Formula One drivers' world championship to Michael Schumacher (Oliver Holt writes). The world champion should put the title out of Hill's reach in the Pacific grand prix at Aida, in Japan, on Sunday, October 22, and the Englishman has already begun learning from his mistakes.

Hill, who trails the German by 27 points with three races to go, apportioned some of the blame for his recent mishaps to uncertainty surrounding the rules on overtaking. Schumacher's attempts to block him during the European grand prix ten days ago, and the way Jean Alesi chopped across him later in the race, would have attracted sanction at other events but went unpunished at the Nürburgring.

Hill has spoken to Max Mosley, the president of the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) seeking clarification of what constitutes acceptable tactics. "I can mix it on that level and dish it out if that is what it takes," Hill said. "But I do not want to break the rules. FIA has got to decide if it is going to take action or not.

"I also accept responsibility for a number of driving errors this season. I think in hindsight, I could have exacted more patience at Silverstone, Monza and at the Nürburgring. The mechanical failures we had put pressure on me but it is my job to drive through that. We had opportunities this year but circumstances were not favourable."

League well-placed to give union physical education



DAVID MILLER
At Wembley

There is a primeval quality about rugby league that is redolent of the mining and mill communities from which it sprang. It is a game harshly eloquent in its physical effort, its sacrifice and momentary joys. In the 13-man game there is no escape from truth and reality, from punishment. On Saturday at Wembley, Australia were punished, England could momentarily celebrate.

The opening match of the Halifax World Cup was definitive of the league game's appeal: brutally, relentlessly hard, the outcome determined by flashes of opportunist brilliance when one or other team fractionally dropped its guard. It set the tone for an event of questionable credibility. It yet again also demonstrated that, in the slickness of its handling and ferocity of its tackling, league leaves union for dead.

The physical and mental endurance required to launch, and withstand, the incessant tackling is on a par with the tacking in the match play of America's Cup sailing. The 130 tackles by England and 160 by Australia were as intimidating as the 47 tacks, multi-tonne momentous operations within a matter of seconds, that Dennis Conner's team vainly threw at John Bertrand's *Australia II* on the losing final leg in 1983. It is the sort of stuff that makes Vinny Jones look a wimp.

Maybe Jonah Lomu is wise to remain within the gentler confines of union. Certainly, both teams in the first match of this World Cup now revealed how even a juggernaut such as the New Zealand wing can be halted by committed low tackling that demands bravery bordering on the foolhardy.

The contrast between the two so similar codes is strange. League can be boring because of the repetitive efficiency of its challenges, union because of the repetitive lottery of many of its loose mauls and rucks that lead nowhere. Each code depends for its most electric moments, more often than not, on error or lapse of concentration. So it was on Saturday.

After half an hour of ferociously tight ploy and counter-ploy, neither side conceding anything but Australia looking the more likely to make the breakthrough, Menzies punished a flat-footed instance of English defence to sweep across the line. England's swift reply came as Brasher, Australia's supposedly proficient full back, dropped an astute up-and-under from Edwards, and Australia were then caught dozing at the back of the scrum as the massive Farrell saw his chance and carried a tackle across the line.

Joynt's try for a 10-6 England lead looked dubious seen live and even more so on replay, there being no downward pressure on his touchdown after an Australian fumble of his short kick ahead. The glorious piece of opportunism by Robinson, the most exciting man on the field, when the ball was squeezed from the grasp of Hopoate by a double tackle from Jackson and Mather, was effectively the match-winning try.

Both codes have been caught in a social time warp, league's being honest, union's being — until a month ago — hypocritical; and neither having the audience capacity to be professional on a large scale. Not, that is, without the self-interest of television channels vying to fill screen time.

The necessity for the codes to merge, which would be to their mutual advantage, seems unavoidable in the long term. And to this layman's eye, it would be the union game that must modify, because of the impossible complexity of its laws, which are often inoperable, even by the best of referees. On the other hand, league needs the greater scope for sophisticated back play that is, occasionally, possible in the more intelligent union game and produces moments of unequalled drama.

Each code is so thrilling when good, so mind-numbingly awful when bad. Yet the bottom line is that in league there is no hiding place: you cannot play a supposedly admirable match without ever touching the ball, as you can in union.

For the moment, the league World Cup had better brush up on its public relations, bizarrely based for this tournament in a minute Mayfair basement. An England v Australia repeat in the final, the only authentic possibility, needs preliminaries rather more ceremoniously imaginative than on Saturday, when Diana Ross, who has been around almost as long as the Northern Union, was carted on to the field by what looked like a posse of removal men shifting a glass cabinet, accompanied by a makeshift squad from rent-a-go-go; followed by a presentation to the chief executive of the Halifax. Better to preserve the nostalgic time warp, and have a colliery brass band.

Errors prove costly for Australia in enthralling encounter at start of World Cup

Victorious England look to the future

England 20
Australia 16

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHILE the organisers of the Halifax World Cup were euphoric that their so-called damp squib had instantly caught light, the England players were content for others to savour them beating Australia; moreover, beating the rugby league world champions at their own game.

Such ruthless exploitation of the errors Australia were forced into was a reversal of the trick British sides have spent years falling for. Another lesson they have learnt is not to get caught up in flight of fancy. This explained the studied quiet in the England dressing-room after the match at Wembley on Saturday.

It was this, almost more than a game of shattering intensity, that pleased Phil Larder. "There was no celebration," the England coach said. "Everyone was focused on what still has to be done." Even though the knack of one-off wins over Australia has been mastered — there have been four since 1988 — England will probably need to string two together to break Australia's 20-year grip on the World Cup.

After such widespread "abuse of the football" (an Australian euphemism for dropping it), Bob Fulton's abuse of his players was comparatively mild. "I wasn't too concerned other than by our ball control," the Australia coach said.

Regrets about ignoring the Super League acolytes are unlikely, even in the event of the holders losing the World Cup, and nobody is going that far yet. Larder said: "We'll get better. Australia will get better. I hope we do meet them again in three weeks in the final."

Fulton is right to hang on to the thought of Australia's World Cup triumph at Wembley three years ago, because on three occasions there since 1990 they have been caught cold. By their probable return, they will have built up some steam, starting with the mismatch against South Africa tomorrow at Gateshead, while New Zealand's memories of drubbings at their hands in the summer are uncomfortably recent, with a semi-final meeting in prospect. The fact that England could play below their potential and win said much for the areas they got right. In their kick and chase game, one way through the claustrophobic defences on either side, they were magnificent in claiming three of four tries. The weaknesses of some Australian individuals were cleverly targeted and cunningly exposed.

Hopoate's blunder close to his line for England's decisive try will haunt him for a long time. In a two-man tackle, the wing meekly coughed up the ball Jackson had skidded past him. Robinson had barely room to tip-toe, yet shot over. Perhaps it was Tonga's revenge, as Dymock, the other player originally in the island kingdom's squad, watched his pass to Brasher snaffled up by Newlove, whose first bit of dayfight was enough to seal victory.

In the cakewalk for Wigan and struggle for other sides this season, England's ability to reach the levels of intensity little seen domestically was a credit to Larder's meticulous preparation. Clarke's tireless work pushed his successor at loose forward close, but Farrell's head down, driving try off a scrum and impressive positional kicking from the back field made him a deserving man of the match.

The boot of Edwards was effective from closer range — and with neither side really opening up to their backs, questions about the effectiveness of Powell as the link at half back still linger. Apart from Mather's early surge up the right flank, which Brasher dealt with far better than the kicks pumped his way, England contrived no other clean breaks.

Before the home country achieved any worthwhile field position, Fittler and Toovey put Australia on top. The pair combined for the first of two tries by Menzies, but that they carried out more than a third of all Australia's tackling underlines England's dominance in the half-hour spell after a bounce fell kindly for Coyne to level the scores at 10-10. Joynt's dubious grounding of the ball after he had kicked ahead and past the despairing Brasher had put England in the lead.

Hopoate apparently offered Radlinski a few choice words when the youngster misjudged his leap for Fittler's steepling kick in allowing the try by Coyne. Not that there was any crowing at the time about Hopoate's subsequent decisive mistake. "He got his just rewards for being unsporting," Edwards said.

SCORERS: ENGLAND: Tries: Farrell, Joynt, Newlove, Robinson. Goals: Farrell (2). AUSTRALIA: Tries: Menzies (2), Coyne. Goals: Wishart (2).

ENGLAND: K Radlinski (Wigan); J Robinson (Wigan), B-J Mather (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford), J Bentley (Halifax). D Powell (Keighley), S Edwards (Wigan). K Harrison (Halifax; sub: C Joynt, St Helens, 27min), L Jackson (Newcastle), A Pest (Auckland, sub: S Haughton, Wigan, 64), D Betts (Auckland), P Clark (Sydney Cty; sub: Harrison, 75), A Farrell (Wigan).

AUSTRALIA: T Brasher (Sydney Tigers), R Wishart (Illawarra), M Coyne (St George), T Hill (Manly), J Hopoate (Manly); B Fittler (Penrith), G Toovey (Manly); D Gillespie (Manly; sub: P Harragon, Newcastle, 22; sub: Carroll, 72), W Bartrim (St George, sub: M Johns, Newcastle, 70), M Carroll (Manly; sub: J Smith, Sydney Bulldogs, 52), S Menzies (Manly), D Pay (Sydney Bulldogs), J Dymock (Sydney Bulldogs).

Referee: S Cummings (England)



Newlove's delight is evident as he scores what proved to be the decisive try for England against Australia. Photographs: Marc Aspland



Bentley, the England wing, is brought down to earth by Carroll and Hopoate

Edwards critical of Hopoate remarks

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHAUN EDWARDS, the England captain, was highly critical of John Hopoate, the Australia wing, after an incident in the opening game at Wembley on Saturday.

Edwards was angered by comments Hopoate made to Kris Radlinski, the England full back, after the youngster failed to collect a high ball. "When Kris dropped the ball, Hopoate was very unsporting," Edwards said. "He was giving the guy grief. "We know it's a big match but there is no need to go over the top. The names he was coming out with were just ridiculous. We know it is very competitive but it is a sport after all."

Phil Larder, the England coach, had his feet firmly on the ground after the 20-16 victory. "We don't want to get carried away," he said. "We enjoyed ourselves today but there is a lot of football to be played yet."

Bob Fulton, the Australia coach, said: "I was disappointed but it's not the end of the world. It was quite obvious that some of our guys needed that match because a few haven't played for some time. We did enough to get over for three tries and England only really made one break."

Maurice Lindsay, the tournament director, was delighted with the attendance of 41,271. "There is no doubt whatsoever this has really ignited the competition in the best possible way," he said. "We always thought that we would get 30,000 to 35,000 and we hoped for 40,000. I think you will see sales for the semi-finals and final rocket from here on."

After the game Ladbrokes cut the odds about England winning the World Cup from 100-30 to 15-8. Australia remain favourites but eased from 3-1 on to 7-4 on.

Wembley provides lean fare to match feast of rugby

Simon Wilde finds the facilities on offer at the twin towers struggling to match the thrilling performance on the pitch

IF RUGBY league is about to conquer regions south of Watford, let alone the entire globe, there were few tell-tale signs when England met Australia in the opening Halifax World Cup match at Wembley Stadium on Saturday.

Certainly, nobody had told North London Railways, who operate the line between Queen's Park underground station and Wembley Central. There was no indication of extra services having been laid on and when a train finally arrived at Queen's Park that was willing to go to Wembley it soon fell into the clutches of erratic signals outside Willesden Junction.

What should have been a brief journey thus lasted 45 minutes and put paid to hopes of witnessing the tournament's opening ceremony. Most passengers seemed to take this setback in their stride, although one northern accent was heard to question the choice of venue. "What was wrong with Elland Road or Anfield?" he muttered.

The indifference of North London Railways was not entirely misplaced. After all, Wembley Park underground station is the more usual, and convenient, way to reach the twin towers, but at least some members of the local services were expecting us. As we disembarked the driver said he had not delivered a quieter bunch of supporters for a long time and as we poured out of the station in a seething mass of 35, under the gaze of nine stultified policemen, it was not difficult to appreciate why. "Perhaps you will sing on the way home," he had suggested.

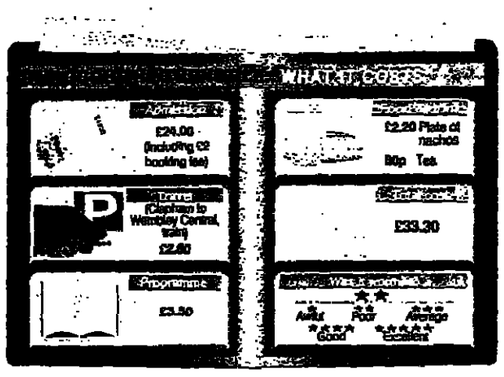
One consolation was at hand. Television sets in the electricity showroom in Wembley High Street were showing the opening ceremony so that the sight of Diana Ross, the American singer, being paraded before the crowd in an open-top Rolls-Royce did not, after all, escape us.

Both singer and car are, of course, objects inextricably bound up with the history of rugby league's first 100 years.

Inside the stadium, though, further disappointments were waiting. Having paid the top price of £22 (plus £2 booking fee) for a seat that a sleek-toned telephonist from the Wembley ticket office assured me offered an excellent view of play from a central position beneath the Royal Box, I found myself in fact situated in line with one set of posts and often reliant on the large television screen situated at the far end of the stadium to see what was happening.

I had been offered a cheaper ticket for such a seat and turned it down. An excellent view it certainly was not.

The Wembley ticket office was unable to offer any explanation yesterday but suggested that spectators with such complaints should telephone the stadium's customer services department on weekdays. Except in choosing the venue in the first place, this was not the fault of the Rugby Football League and nor was the pricing of everything on offer in the stadium, from programmes to merchandise to refreshments. A half-litre of unchilled beer was a cool £2.30, a piece of pizza that would not have long delayed a rugby player of either code was a wallet-warming £3. Programmes cost £3.50 each.



The choice of food on offer was disappointingly limited and, having discovered the alarming discrepancy in size between the pizza on display and the pizza in the carton, and while a man on my right was complaining that his microwaved food was cold, I plumped for a snack-sized plate of nachos with chillies and cheese sauce ("except there's no cheese sauce, sir, we've run out").

I did this in a spirit of goodwill towards rugby league's missionary programme, in the fervent hope that the next time England stages the World Cup, Mexico, the home of nachos, will be seen playing the Cook Islands at Keighley.

The match itself made up for much. It was played at a pace as fast and furious as we were told it would be — there were something like 300 tackles in the 80 minutes — and, even though the attendance totalled little more than 40,000, there was no shortage of atmosphere.

The scoreless first half-hour was tense and dramatic. During this period perhaps the best chance came in the ninth minute when Barrie-John Mather, whose name would stand him in good stead if the rugby codes ever combine, was released down the right wing, but at over 16 stones he was one of the few players on view who lacked the necessary pace.

With neither side able to claim a decisive advantage until England did so late in the game by establishing a ten-point lead, it was riveting stuff, even from a seat which demanded so much neck-craning. But, even though the home team won, nobody was singing on the homeward-bound train.

Toga soon wears down South African resistance

Fiji 52
South Africa 6

BY DAVID HANDS

OCKIE OOSTHUIZEN, the former rugby union prop who now manages the South Africa rugby league team, will meet Super League representatives today in pursuit of investment to strengthen his country's 13-a-side cause. As the meeting with Fiji at a sunlit Cougar Park in Keighley yesterday suggests, South Africa need some assistance.

To be fair, they are making a reluctant debut in the Halifax World Cup and one dreads to think what England and Australia will do to them in their remaining pool matches. They would be better placed in the emerging nations competition. In February, Oosthuizen was on the point of withdrawing his country's entry but was dissuaded by the rugby league authorities.

"If only a tenth of the investment which television has made in rugby league in Britain could be directed towards South Africa, we could start a local league overnight and be competing against the best within three years," Oosthuizen said. "I think the Super League must invest in South Africa. Rugby union did us a favour by focusing the attention of the world last summer and we have the players, the facilities and the sports mad spectators to enhance a global competition."

Yesterday, Oosthuizen's main concern was that his players, drawn from a mere handful of 250, in their first international and in front of a South African league legend, Tom van Vollenhoven, should not disgrace themselves. Nor, in front of nearly 5,000 Keighley enthusiasts and a wider television audience back home, did they: they were beaten by a side with far greater pace, fitness and playmaking ability.

Fiji and rugby league seem made for each other, given the traditional distaste the islanders have had for the set-piece areas of rugby union. They sought a wide game, whereas South Africa tried to use their strength down narrower corridors.

Ponipate Toga, the rangey lock, swiftly became the crowd's favourite. He did not score but his punishing runs offered unlimited scope for others, seven tries coming in the second half, when all South Africa could do was try to stem the flow.

SCORERS: Fiji: Tries: Seru (2), Sovatabua (2), Nadruku, Taga, Manayawa, Sagatu, Vaisoro, Dakuloga. Goals: Nayacakalou (3), Taga (3). South Africa: Goals: Van Wyk (3).

FIJI: W Sovatabua, J Dakuloga, L Nalagilagi, F Seru (sub: K Vaisoro, 66min), N Nadruku, N Nayacakalou, S Taga, M Kaunivalu (sub: K Salusalu, 59), I Sagatu (sub: G Valuva, 70), P Nakubuwai (sub: U Waindrua, 59), A Degei, P Toga, S Manayawa.

SOUTH AFRICA: P van Wyk; G Coombe, A Baloi (sub: K Human, 41), W Bosholf (sub: E Ludick, 27, sub: Bosholf, 41; sub: Baloi, 50), M Johnson, F Cloete, B Alkema; G Watts, J van Deventer, J Booysen, G Williams, T Founa, J Albers.

Referee: D Manson (Australia)

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Wales play with future in balance

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT IS not just a World Cup semi-final place against England that is at stake for Wales, who meet France in their opening group match at Cardiff tonight, but also the future of the national team, which was resurrected in 1991.

These are trying times for Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach. Speculation about moves back to rugby union by several members of his squad mounts by the day.

After Cardiff's talks with Jonathan Davies, Phil Ford, 33, has declared he wants to move there to join his younger brother, Steve, and leave Salford after the World Cup. A former member of the Wales youth team, he switched codes to join Warrington in 1981.

Griffiths said: "I can't pretend I'm happy about it ... Anything we get out of this tournament will be a bonus, but if we are not careful, it may be the team could go back into hibernation. That's why we deliberately got the rule change on grandparents to strengthen the side."

It is only seven months since Wales won the European championship by winning in France, when few clouds were on the horizon. Scott Gibbs, who has declared he is remaining in league with St Helens, has regained his place in the centre after injury, and Iestyn Harris is switched from the wing to full back.

Striker answers manager's prayer with goals to revive Birmingham

Claridge's divining quality ends drought

Birmingham City 2
Southend United 0

By Russell Kempson

BARRY FRY, ever one for the swift soundbite or public-relations stunt, was recently photographed praying in the Tilton Road goalmouth at St Andrew's. Fry, the Birmingham City manager, was appealing for goals after his side had scored only twice in a winless streak of five Endsleigh Insurance League first division matches. Yesterday, his wish came true. Just about.

It was not the most graceful of displays against Southend United, Fry's former employer, but it was enough to end a frustratingly barren spell and lift Birmingham into sixth place in the table at the head of a gaggle of seven clubs on 16 points. For that, if little else, Fry should be grateful.

"We've jumped eight places so we must be doing something right," he said. "We've still got a lot of injuries — in fact, the bulk of last season's team — but when they get back, we'll obviously be a lot stronger. I always thought we would be better in the second half of the season. As long as we can keep in touch with the front-runners, I'll be happy."

Fry's plea for divine intervention took a long time to be answered in the affirmative during a scruffy first half. How Birmingham, who have already used 23 players this season, did not break the deadlock before the 42nd minute was a mystery. It was as if He was mocking them, promising so much but delivering nothing.

Chance after chance fell their way, with Bowen's left-wing raids a constant source of supply, yet they contrived, almost comically, to squander them. Hunt's corner curled over nicely for Castle, but his crisp volley was struck into the ground and cleared the crossbar on the first bounce.

In the 24th minute, Bowen eased past Dublin and saw his shot deflected high into the air. With Royce caught off his line, Claridge had the easiest of headers into the unguarded net. He nodded it wide. Edwards blazed over. Royce saved from Claridge, and Claridge, again, wasted an opening — his pathetic drive threatening only a fluttering corner flag.

Southend's efforts were restricted to patient and well-crafted breaks, with Hails often to the fore and Marsh not far away in support. Three minutes before the interval, however, the irritated Birmingham throng breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Inevitably, it was an untidy goal. Bowen wriggled his way through for the umpteenth time and found Claridge in space. His shot was hardly of Yeboah vintage yet it was struck with just enough pace and direction to roll under Royce and over the line.

Bob Latchford, a former England and Birmingham marksman of some repute, was enlisted to perform the half-time raffle in the centre circle. Such evocative memories of his thunderous finishing power would surely inspire his modern successors to greater things. Surely?

Sadly, it was a forlorn hope, though Bowen continued to mesmerise anybody in his immediate vicinity. Birmingham became increasingly unable to use the glut of possession that came their way. Southend's ventures forward were less and less frequent while a mass of substitutions did little to improve the overall cohesion. In the 74th minute, though, Claridge created and concluded a goal that Yeboah would have been proud of. Collecting the ball wide out on the left touchline, near halfway, he set off on a typically lolloping run that took him past several half-hearted challenges.

Claridge then glanced up, spotting Royce too far out, and released an arcing shot that glided over the goalkeeper for his fourth goal of the season. A touch of class, at last, at the Tilton Road End. Fry's prayers, after all, had been heard.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — G Poole, A Edwards, M Johnson, G Cooper — S Finnan (sub: R Otto, 54min), J Hunt, S Castle, J Bowen (sub: J Martin, 89) — K Charlery (sub: R Forsyth, 62), S Claridge
SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): S Royce — K Dublin, M Lapper, M Bodley, C Powell — P Byrne (sub: M Hone, 73), M Marsh, S Tilson, J Hails — A Thomson (sub: D Regis, 67) P Read (sub: G Jones, 45)
Referee: W Burns


HUGH ROUTLEDGE
Edwards, the Birmingham defender, stretches high to make contact with the ball during his team's win yesterday

Derby doubt over Cantona

THE dust had hardly settled on Eric Cantona's return to the FA Carling Premiership than an injury clouded the French footballer's horizon. Attempting to sharpen his match fitness by playing for Manchester United's reserves on Saturday, Cantona damaged his right knee, and may not have recovered in time for the Manchester derby on Saturday.

A crowd of 21,502, the biggest in England on a day without Premiership fixtures, saw Cantona's involvement restricted to just 18 minutes after a tackle involving Jason Blunt, the young Leeds United player, at Old Trafford.

United initially said that they hoped that the injury was only slight, but then said that Cantona, who six days earlier scored on his return to the first team against Liverpool after a nine-month suspension, would need three or four days of rest and treatment. United have already decided not to risk Cantona in a testimonial match for Bobby Smith, the Swansea City caretaker-manager, at the Vetch Field tonight.

Ken Ramsden, a United spokesman, said: "Our medical staff feel that travelling would only aggravate his injury. Eric must rest and have treatment for the next three or four days."

Diego Maradona enjoyed a less troublesome day, helping Boca Juniors to beat Colon 1-0 in an Argentine league match, his first competitive game since completing a 15-month ban for drug abuse, although he was booked for dissent.

Sunderland shape up to emulate North East neighbours

Crystal Palace 0
Sunderland 1

By Alyson Rudd

CRYSTAL Palace have two first-team coaches and, in Steve Coppell, a technical director, which, on the basis of this performance, is rather like the greasy spoon corner café employing two pastry chefs and a head waiter.

Relegation from the FA Carling Premiership was a close-run, if none too surprising thing for Palace. Newly relegated clubs ought to have an advantage over their Endsleigh Insurance League rivals. They are used to better opposition and can afford, like Leicester City, to plot how to fare better next time round while kicking their heels at the top of the table.

Or relegation can work against you. The sniping between Alan Smith, the former Palace manager, and Ron Noades, their chairman, at the end of last season was embarrassing. The open criticism of players was divisive. The loss of so many key personnel — Salako, Southgate, Armstrong — was unsettling. Now a significant number of current first-team favourites including Coleman, Gordon and Shaw, have asked to leave.

Ray Lewington, who shares the coaching with Peter Nicholas, argued that just because some among his squad have wanderlust, it did not mean they played badly. Well, of course, they did not — if a player puts himself in the shop window he is bound to dust himself down.

The real effect of transfer requests is on everyone's nerves. Palace snatched edgily at their goalscoring opportunities, misread each other's passes and Martyn, usually one of the most composed goalkeepers in the country, managed to allow the ball to spin out of his grasp and then concede a penalty inside the opening 27 seconds.

Lewington cannot put his faith in consolidation so he is counting on the first division being a cushy number. "There's no one that great, Sunderland are the best side we have played," he said.

Peter Reid's team certainly outplayed Palace. Sunderland are all that Palace are not: optimistic, ambitious, confident. Had the south London side been awarded two penalties and failed to score from either, the ensuing collapse would have been comprehensive. But the visitors survived Scott's penalty hitting an upright and Bracewell's flying well wide to take victory through Kelly's slightly mishit shot in the 75th minute.

Sunderland were almost relegated last season, but Reid somehow fastened the club on to the coat-tails of the North East revival and, without the money available to Newcastle United and Middlesbrough, built a side that could make it into the Premiership.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — M Edworthy, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon — D Hopkin, A Roberts, R Houghton, J Vincent (sub: L McKenzie, 86min) — D Freedman, G Taylor.
SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — D Kubicki, A Melville, R Ord, M Scott — M Smith (sub: C Russell, 46), K Ball, P Bracewell, M Gray — P Grey, D Kelly.
Referee: P Rejer.

Bonetti left to question wisdom of plying trade in England

Charlton Athletic 0
Grimsby Town 1

By Ivo Tennant

AH, GRIMSBY. Do not imagine that the lustre went out of the place when the trawling industry contracted and Patricia Hodge moved elsewhere to tread the boards. So well-known on the continent is its football club that Ivano Bonetti, the first Italian to play in the Endsleigh Insurance League, was only too keen to join them.

That, at least, is Grimsby manager Brian Laws's story, and on this occasion it would be a shame to be too cynical. Besides, with a name like that, Bonetti must surely be a relative of one of England's former goalkeepers. In this, his first league game for Grimsby, he created the only goal against a team that last week knocked Wimbledon out of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Grimsby believe they have unearthed as good a foreign player as they are ever likely to attract. A few years ago, Bonetti was appearing in a European Cup final, for Sampdoria against Barcelona. He might not be of the same lineage as Peter Bonetti, but his brother, Dario, was also good enough to take part in a European Cup final, this for AS Roma.

The salient point to be resolved, though, is whether, at the age of 31, Bonetti will make an impact on the Endsleigh League. There are, apparently, any number of Italians of his age who could be enticed to England. Bonetti holds his own contract and is well-off. He is on trial at Grimsby and is free to do as he pleases. Many more matches like this and he will soon be returning home.

For the standard was pitiful. Bonetti was sucked into the whirlpool of ineptitude along with everybody else. "There were not too many who wanted to take responsibility on or off the ball," Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said.

Curbishley reckoned Charlton have not played so poorly all season. They were evidently jaded after their exertions against Wimbledon. Grimsby have as many as 15 individuals carrying an injury of one sort or another, which tells not only of how Bonetti came to join them, but also of the absurd amount of football required of them.

Grimsby, however, achieved their objective. Jewell, left unmarked owing to Balmer's discomfort with a rib injury, made the most of Bonetti's hooked throughball. That was in the 29th minute, whereupon Grimsby enveloped the midfield, restricting Charlton to two, perhaps three, chances. Other Italians might be drawn to the Endsleigh League, but only those of a certain age with limited options.

CHARLTON (4-4-2): M Salmon — J Humphrey, P Chapple, S Balmer (sub: R Rufus, 32min), J Stuart — S Newton (sub: M Robson, 64), P Garland, J Robinson, L Bowyer — K Grant (sub: G Nelson, 64), C Lee(burn.
GRIMSBY (4-5-1): P Crichton — S Laws, P Handyside, R Smith, G Croft — P Groves, I Bonetti, J Dobbin, N Southall, G Childs — P Jewell.
Referee: I Hemley.

Leicester looking to close the Premiership divide


Molby: influential

Barnsley 2
Leicester City 2

By Peter Ball

ELEVEN months ago, the break for international matches turned into the week of the long knives at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership. In the shake-up, as Tottenham Hotspur, Everton and Aston Villa dismissed their managers, Leicester City, the bottom club, also had to find a new man at the helm. Mark McGhee arrived with impressive credentials, but he was unable to prevent them dropping straight back down to the Endsleigh Insurance League. This season, things are looking up.

Barnsley, too, have their ambitions, and with the most exciting individual on view in their teenage substitute, Martin Bullock, the game at Oakwell on Saturday was an excellent advertisment for the first division.

Leicester looked the more composed, accomplished side. Looking good in the Endsleigh League, however, is a world away from being equipped to cope in the Premiership, and the players who passed the ball around with such style were the same ones who had struggled so desperately a year ago.

"A major factor in the turnaround is the different level," McGhee said. "I think we have improved things and I think we are a better team today than we were with two months to go last season. But today's team were all here when I arrived — the players I brought in in the summer were all missing, and that obviously encourages me that we are getting towards a squad which will be a Premier League squad.

"But we are not kidding ourselves. We aren't in the same class as Manchester United or Liverpool, and that is what we are trying to aspire to."

Leicester certainly look better equipped than they were two years ago, when they sneaked up through the play-offs. The five players missing here will help even more, but the importance in this game of two experienced former Premiership midfield players, Jan Molby and Garry Parker, also testified to the gap between the leagues.

Molby, who is on loan from Liverpool, still passes the ball with fluency, and was involved in Barnsley's few good moments in the first half. It was his opposite number, however, who ran the game until half-time. At Nottingham Forest — and Villa when he got the chance — Parker was a useful performer, but a bit-part player rather than the main man. At Oakwell, he controlled the first half, directing Leicester's smooth attacks with his passing.

He had been so effective that Bullock came on at the interval with instructions just to occupy Parker. He did rather more than that. Bullock looks like a 12-year-old who has strayed out of a playground, but his skill is undoubted, and he immediately reduced Leicester's hulking defenders to a quivering mass with his darting dribbles. He also showed that his frail body and matchstick legs are misleading, beating Poole with a beautifully struck shot from 18 yards which flew into the top corner for his first goal for Barnsley.

Leicester, though, showed their resilience, and, just as Barnsley had before the interval, they scrambled an equaliser from a corner — this one such a scramble that, an hour after the game, Carey, Walsh and Lowe were all claiming it. "I'll let them fight over it on Monday — my money's on Brian Carey," McGhee said, but Walsh is favourite to claim his fiftieth goal for the club.

BARNSLEY (5-2-3): D Watson — N Eaden, S Davis, C Bishop, A Moses (sub: M Bullock, 45min), D Archdeacon — J Molby, N Redfearn — C Jackson, A Payton (sub: D Sheridan, 68), A Rammell.
LEICESTER CITY (4-2-3-1): K Poole — S Grayson, C Hill, S Walsh, M Whitlow — M Blake, G Parker — J Joachim (sub: E Heskey, 76), D Lowe, J Lawrence (sub: B Carey, 76) — M Robins
Referee: D Allison.

Powerful Rae casts light on Millwall's outlook

Watford 0
Millwall 1

By Keith Pike

THIS was no great match and Millwall are no great team, but, for this season at least, pretty good may suffice and pretty good they most certainly are.

Ask Everton, eliminated from the Coca-Cola Cup on their own patch on Wednesday, or Nottingham Forest, beaten in the same competition last season. Or Arsenal, or Chelsea, both dispatched from the FA Cup in 1995. Football flukes are one thing; they do not come in batches of four.

Yet twice in the past three seasons, Mick McCarthy has driven Millwall to within striking distance of the FA Carling Premiership, only to see them buckle when push became shove. This morning, they lie second in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, deprived of the leadership only by Steve Walsh's late equaliser for Leicester City at Barnsley on Saturday. Can they stay the course this time? McCarthy had a one-word answer: "Yes."

His faith stems from a back five that gives away goals so grudgingly, and a midfield trio that can win the ball and pass it to good effect. If Millwall are comparatively unbalanced and ineffective in attack, where Malkin and Fuchs appear to be singing from different hymn sheets, McCarthy is not too fussed. Quite simply, he believes, his team's weaknesses will not prove so costly this season

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because of the bigger failings of his rivals.

"I don't think this is a great league, and there is not one outstanding team in it," McCarthy said. If he can keep the squad together, he said, Millwall have a "great chance".

It is the "if" word that has plagued both manager and club. Sheringham, Armstrong and Kennedy are just a few of those lured away by the Premiership's riches, and now covetous eyes are being focused on the likes of Ben Thatcher, the young left back rated by his well-travelled team-mate, Kerry Dixon, as the outstanding player outside the top division and "an England certainty". Taylor, the two-goal tormentor of Everton, is another: bought for £15,000 and now worth a couple of noughts more.

McCarthy, though, is not having sleepless nights. "None of them have any desire to leave, and while they are still ambitious they are happy to stay because they are doing well," he said.

Thatcher may be Millwall's most precious asset, but at Vicarage Road his crossing was poor and his positional play occasionally suspect. It was Alex Rae who caught the eye, and who won the match.

Orchestrating from deep and exploiting the gaps down Watford's flanks, he eventually tired of missed opportunites ahead of him. With an hour gone — and just after Palmer had hit the Millwall crossbar — Rae moved forward to beat Miller from 25 yards, the goalkeeper getting to the ball but failing to cope with the venom of the shot.

WATFORD (3-4-1-2): K Miller — C Foster, D Holdsworth, K Millen — G Lavin, S Palmer, R Johnson, G Porter — C Ramage (sub: G Pitcher, 79min) — T Mooney (sub: D Bazeley, 87), J Morales (sub: K Phelps, 72)
MILLWALL (4-3-3): N Keller — R Newman, A Willer, K Stevens, S Thatcher — A Rae (sub: D Webber, 90), R Barry, J van Blerk — C Malkin, U Fuchs (sub: K Cleron, 79), S Taylor (sub: D Savage, 79)
Referee: D Wolfenhaime

Aldridge sending the right signals

Tranmere Rovers 1
Luton Town 0

By Ian Rodgers

CAUGHT between the major supermarket chains of Birkenhead and the refurbished Tranmere Rovers stadium, Woodchurch Lane, the approach road to Prenton Park, retained the old world charm of a bygone era.

Antique collectors and an afternoon tea shop blended with the more modern trade of video hire, yet the picture looked no different from the depictions of the same thoroughfare of 1920 as displayed in a newsagent's window. Timeless.

Just a Charleston dance step away, the football equivalent of this serene Utopia was leading Tranmere to another victory. Referring to John Aldridge as "experienced" is synonymous with labelling the O.J. verdict debatable.

Afterwards, Luton's centre-half, Trevor Peake, claimed the Irish international "has improved" — a reference to the fact that both have duelled with each other since their formative years in the old fourth division with Newport and Lincoln.

The Rovers striker was not alone in the 30-plus bracket on Saturday and combined with Pat Nevin on several occasions, including the fourth-minute winner.

The more mature player complement was completed by Gary Stevens and Shaun Teale, both of whom could prove better buys than Aldridge. Their steadiness in defence allowed Rovers' midfield abundant opportunities to control the first 45 minutes.

In the second half, the home side was so confident of victory that it spurned some excellent chances, and Luton readily accepted these invitations to fight back. McLaren, Harvey and the excellent Oakes all tried without success to beat Coyne. Rovers' diminutive Welsh international goalkeeper.

Aldridge departed Prenton Park and headed straight for the Republic's crucial European championship fixture with Latvia — and hopeful inclusion in the starting eleven. His present form should be noted by Ireland manager Jack Charlton.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): D Coyne — T Thomas, J McGrea, S Teale, G Stevens — G Brannan, G Jones, K Irons, P Nevin — G Bennett (sub: I Moore, 82min), J Aldridge
LUTON TOWN (3-4-3): I Fraser — T Peake, S Davis, M Johnson — G Alexander, P McLaren, G Waddock, R Harvey — S Oakes, D Marshall, B Buchanan (sub: D Oldfield, 63)
Referee: P Richards

Taylor makes pledge to take Bull by the horns

Ipswich Town 1
Wolverhampton W 2

By Pat Gibson

THE facts speak for themselves. While Steve Bull has been suspended, Wolverhampton Wanderers have scored nine goals in three games, all away from home, to begin their climb from the lower reaches of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division and reach the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

So will Bull get back into the side? "I was hoping nobody would ask that question," Graham Taylor smiled, looking remarkably relaxed for a manager who is about to be impaled on the horns of his greatest dilemma since he replaced another legendary centre forward in one of the most controversial decisions of his England reign.

"The Wolves and Steve Bull are the nearest thing I've ever come across to being a one-man club," he said. "But you've got to strike a balance and somewhere along the line I have to deal with the situation. It doesn't matter what's happened to me in the past, I will deal with it in what I think is the right way for the benefit of the whole club." There can be little doubt which way that will be after Wolverhampton's first away win in the league this season had averted the danger of the pre-season favourites for promotion to the FA Carling Premiership slipping embarrassingly into the relegation area.

Bull, an idol at Molineux for ten years and Wolverhampton's record goalscorer, is so

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set in his ways that when he is in the side they can only play one way, the way Taylor's detractors think his sides always play.

Without Bull, they can be more mobile and flexible and it was their mobility and flexibility which enabled them to withstand an early Ipswich onslaught, contained to just one goal from the penalty spot, and then hit back with two goals of their own.

Ipswich, much the more inventive side in the first half-hour, had taken a deserved lead when Young pulled back Mathie and Sedgley slotted in the penalty, but they were undone by the lightning breaks of Daley, Williams and, most significantly, Goodman, who is fast taking over Bull's mantle.

First Goodman picked up the ball near the halfway line, left Mowbray, Ipswich's new signing from Celtic, on his backside and outpaced Stockwell before beating Wright at the near post for his tenth goal of the season. Then, with Ipswich still reeling, Goodman headed goalwards in a mêlée following a corner and the ball went in via Williams's knee and the goalkeeper's arm.

Wolverhampton's only worry after that was whether they could defend their lead, which they had failed to do in three previous away games. They did it surprisingly easily and while Taylor reckoned that it was too early to say whether this was the turning point in their season, George Burley, the Ipswich manager, was unequivocal. "Wolves will be thereabouts at the end of the season," he said. "No doubt about that."

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): R Wright — M Stockwell, A Mowbray, S Sedgley, M Tarpoo (sub: P Yallop, 45min) — G Uhlenbeek, G Williams, C Thomsen, S Slater — A Mathie, J Scowcroft.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-4-3): M Stowell — D Richards, E Young, M Venus — M Rankine, M Atkins, D Ferguson, A Thompson — A Daley (sub: G Downs, 72), D Goodman, M Williams (sub: J Wright, 67)
Referee: M Pierce.

1996 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Israel 2 Poland 1, Romania 3 Azerbaijan 0, Slovakia 0 France 0, France 0 Romania 0, Israel 2 Slovakia 2, Poland 1 Azerbaijan 0, Romania 3 Slovakia 2, Poland 0 France 0, Azerbaijan 0 Israel 2, Azerbaijan 0 France 2, Israel 1 Romania 1, Romania 2 Poland 1, Israel 0 France 0, Slovakia 4 Azerbaijan 1, France 4 Slovakia 0, Poland 4 Israel 3, Azerbaijan 1 Romania 4, Poland 6 Slovakia 0, Romania 2 Israel 1, France 1 Poland 1, Azerbaijan 0 Slovakia 1, Poland 0 Romania 0, Slovakia 1 Israel 0, France 10 Azerbaijan 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	8	5	3	0	15	6	18
France	8	3	5	0	17	1	14
Poland	8	3	3	2	13	8	12
Slovakia	8	3	2	3	10	15	11
Israel	8	2	3	3	11	11	9
Azerbaijan	8	0	0	8	2	27	0

FIXTURES: Oct 11: Romania v France, Israel v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Poland. Nov 15: Slovakia v Romania, Azerbaijan v Poland, France v Israel

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Macedonia 1 Denmark 1, Cyprus 1 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Armenia 0, Armenia 0 Cyprus 0, Denmark 3 Belgium 1, Macedonia 0 Spain 2, Belgium 1 Macedonia 1, Spain 3 Denmark 0, Cyprus 2 Armenia 0, Belgium 1 Spain 4, Macedonia 3 Cyprus 0, Spain 1 Belgium 1, Cyprus 1 Denmark 1, Armenia 0 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Cyprus 0, Denmark 1 Macedonia 0, Armenia 2 Macedonia 2, Denmark 4 Cyprus 0, Macedonia 0 Belgium 5, Spain 1 Armenia 0, Armenia 0 Denmark 2, Belgium 1 Denmark 3, Macedonia 2 Armenia 1, Spain 6 Cyprus 0; Armenia 0 Belgium 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	8	7	1	0	21	3	22
Denmark	8	5	2	1	15	7	17
Belgium	9	4	2	3	16	12	14
Macedonia	8	2	3	3	9	13	9
Cyprus	8	1	2	5	4	18	5
Armenia	9	0	2	7	3	15	2

FIXTURES. Oct 11: Denmark v Spain, Cyprus v Macedonia. Nov 15: Cyprus v Belgium, Denmark v Armenia

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Hungary 2 Turkey 2, Iceland 0 Sweden 1, Turkey 5 Iceland 0, Switzerland 4 Sweden 2, Switzerland 1 Iceland 0, Sweden 2 Hungary 0, Turkey 1 Switzerland 2, Turkey 2 Sweden 1, Hungary 2 Switzerland 2, Hungary 1 Sweden 0, Switzerland 1 Turkey 2, Sweden 1 Iceland 1, Iceland 2 Hungary 1, Iceland 0 Switzerland 2, Turkey 2 Hungary 0, Sweden 0 Switzerland 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	4	2	1	12	7	14
Turkey	6	4	1	1	14	6	13
Sweden	7	2	2	3	7	8	8
Hungary	6	1	2	3	6	10	5
Iceland	6	1	1	4	3	11	4

FIXTURES: Oct 11: Switzerland v Hungary, Iceland v Turkey. Nov 11: Hungary v Iceland. Nov 15: Sweden v Turkey

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: Estonia 0 Croatia 2, Ukraine 0 Lithuania 2, Slovenia 1 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Lithuania 0, Estonia 0 Italy 2, Ukraine 0 Slovenia 0, Ukraine 3 Estonia 0, Slovenia 1 Lithuania 2, Italy 1 Croatia 2, Croatia 4 Ukraine 0, Italy 4 Estonia 1, Slovenia 3 Estonia 0, Ukraine 0 Italy 2, Lithuania 0 Croatia 0, Lithuania 0 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Slovenia 0, Estonia 0 Ukraine 1, Lithuania 2 Slovenia 1, Estonia 1 Slovenia 3, Ukraine 1 Croatia 0, Estonia 0 Lithuania 1, Croatia 7 Estonia 1, Lithuania 1 Ukraine 3, Italy 1 Slovenia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	8	6	1	1	19	3	19
Italy	7	5	1	1	12	4	16
Lithuania	8	4	1	3	8	9	13
Ukraine	8	4	1	3	8	9	13
Slovenia	8	2	2	4	9	9	8
Estonia	9	0	0	9	2	26	0

FIXTURES: Oct 8: Croatia v Italy. Oct 11: Slovenia v Ukraine, Lithuania v Estonia. Nov 11: Italy v Ukraine. Nov 15: Slovenia v Croatia, Italy v Lithuania

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Czech Rep 6 Malta 1, Luxembourg 0 Holland 4, Norway 1 Belorussia 0, Malta 0 Czech Rep 0, Belorussia 2 Luxembourg 0, Norway 1 Holland 1, Belorussia 0 Norway 4, Holland 3 Czech Rep 0, Malta 0 Norway 1, Holland 5 Luxembourg 0, Malta 0 Luxembourg 1, Czech Rep 4 [illegible]

ENGLAND, as hosts, qualify automatically for the 1996 European championship finals but the holders, Denmark, do not. The eight group winners qualify, as do the six best second-placed teams. The other two second-placed teams will play off at a neutral venue in December for the last of the 16 places. The six best runners-up will be determined by results achieved against the first, third and fourth-placed teams in each group.

[illegible] Belorussia 1 Holland 4 Malta 0, Belorussia 1 Malta 1, Czech Rep 3 Holland 1, Norway 5 Luxembourg 0, Luxembourg 1 Czech Rep 0, Norway 2 Malta 0, Belorussia 1 Holland 0, Norway 1 Czech Rep 1, Luxembourg 1 Malta 0, Holland 1 Belorussia 0, Czech Rep 2 Norway 0, Belorussia 0 Czech Rep 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	9	6	2	1	17	4	20
Czech Rep	9	5	3	1	18	6	18
Holland	8	4	2	2	16	5	14
Luxembourg	8	3	0	5	3	18	9
Belorussia	8	2	2	4	6	13	8
Malta	8	0	2	6	2	16	2

FIXTURES. Oct 11: Malta v Holland, Luxembourg v Belorussia. Nov 12: Malta v Belorussia. Nov 15: Czech Rep v Luxembourg, Holland v Norway.

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1, Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4, Latvia 0 Ireland 3, Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2, Latvia 0 [illegible] Portugal 1 Austria [illegible] Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 0 [illegible] Liechtenstein 0 Latvia 1 [illegible] Ireland 4 Portugal [illegible] Northern Ireland [illegible] Liechtenstein 0 Ireland 0 [illegible] Latvia 2 Ireland 1 Austria [illegible] Portugal [illegible] Latvia [illegible] Northern Ireland 1 Latvia [illegible] Austria 3 Ireland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Austria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ireland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Latvia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth Ireland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liechtenstein	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FIXTURES. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia, Austria v [illegible] Portugal v Liechtenstein, Nth Ireland [illegible] Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland, Nth Ireland v Austria

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia v Moldova [illegible] Albania 0 Moldova [illegible] Georgia 0 Albania 1 Germany [illegible] Wales 0 Bulgaria 4 Moldova [illegible] Georgia 1 Moldova [illegible] Germany [illegible] Bulgaria 3 Germany [illegible] Germany 2 Bulgaria [illegible] Wales [illegible] Moldova 3 Germany [illegible] Bulgaria 3 Georgia [illegible] Georgia 1 Bulgaria 3 [illegible] Albania 2 [illegible] Georgia [illegible] Wales [illegible] Albania 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Germany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albania	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moldova	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FIXTURES Oct 8: Germany v Moldova. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldova v Georgia.

GROUP EIGHT

RESULTS: Finland 0 Scotland 2, Faeroe Islands [illegible] Greece [illegible] Scotland [illegible] Greece 4 Finland 0, Russia 4 San Marino 0 Scotland 1 Russia 1, Greece 2 San Marino 0 Russia 6 Faeroe Islands 0, Finland 2 San Marino 1, Greece 1 Scotland 0, Finland [illegible] Scotland 0 San Marino 0, Finland 2 San Marino 0 Scotland 2 Greece 0 Russia 3 Faeroe Islands 3 Finland 4 Russia 3 Faeroe Islands [illegible] Faeroe Islands 0 Scotland [illegible] San Marino [illegible] Russia [illegible] Finland [illegible] Greece [illegible] Finland 0 Russia 6 Faeroe Islands [illegible] Scotland 1 Finland 0 San Marino 0 Greece 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greece	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Finland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Faeroe Is	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Marino	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FIXTURES Oct 11: Russia v Greece, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, Greece v Faeroe Islands

1996 DATES AND VENUES

Quarter-finals: June 22: Anfield, Wembley. June 23: Old Trafford, Villa Park. Semi-finals: June 26: Old Trafford (Anfield v Villa Park winners), Wembley (Wembley v Old Trafford winners). Final: June 30: Wembley.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Newcastle	8	4	0	0	9	1	3	0	1	8	3	21	+13
2 Aston Villa	8	3	1	0	7	2	2	1	1	5	3	17	+7
3 Man Utd	8	3	1	0	10	4	2	1	1	6	6	17	+6
4 Liverpool	8	4	0	0	10	2	1	1	2	5	5	16	+8
5 Leeds	8	3	0	1	6	3	2	1	1	8	6	16	+5
6 Arsenal	8	2	2	0	7	4	2	1	1	3	1	15	+5
7 Middlesbro	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	2	1	3	3	15	+5
8 Nottm For	8	2	2	0	7	3	1	3	0	7	6	14	+5
9 Tottenham	8	2	0	2	6	6	2	2	0	8	5	14	+4
10 Chelsea	8	2	2	0	6	2	1	1	2	3	5	12	+2
11 Wimbledon	8	2	1	1	8	8	1	0	3	5	8	10	-3
12 QPR	8	1	0	3	3	9	2	0	2	4	3	9	-5
13 Sheff Wed	8	1	1	2	3	6	1	1	2	5	5	8	-3
14 Blackburn	8	2	1	1	8	4	0	0	4	2	9	7	-3
15 Everton	8	1	0	3	5	8	1	1	2	5	5	7	-3
16 West Ham	8	1	1	2	5	7	0	2	2	2	4	6	-4
17 Soton	8	1	2	1	5	5	0	1	3	2	9	6	-7
18 Coventry	8	1	2	1	3	5	0	1	3	4	12	6	-10
19 Bolton	8	1	1	2	4	6	0	0	4	4	12	4	-10
20 Man City	8	0	1	3	1	5	0	0	4	2	9	1	-11

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (1) 2 LEICESTER (1) 2
Payton 41, Bullock 69 — Robins 11, Walsh 83
13,669

CHARLTON (0) 0 GRIMSBY (1) 1
8,994 — Jewell 29

C PALACE (0) 0 SUNDERLAND (0) 1
13,754 — Kelly 75

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 PORT VALE (1) 2
11,554 — McCarthy 13, Guppy 60

IPSWICH (1) 1 WOLVERHAMPTON (2) 2
Sedgley 28 (pen) — Goodman 38, Williams 42
15,335

OLDHAM (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (0) 1
McCarthy 79 — Simpson 49
5,937

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 DERBY CO (1) 2
12,721 — Gabbiadini 29, Willems 46

STOKE (0) 1 NORWICH (1) 1
Wallace 68 — Akinbiyi 32
12,016

TRANMERE (1) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Aldridge 4 — 6,680

WATFORD (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 1
8,918 — Rae 68

WEST BROMWICH (0) 2 READING (0) 0
Gilbert 50, Taylor 85 — 12,956

Yesterday

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 SOUTHEND UTD (0) 0
Claridge 43, 75 — 17,491

SECOND DIVISION

BRENTFORD (1) 1 BLACKPOOL (0) 2
McGhee 12 — Preece 56 (pen), Ellis 80
5,313

BRISTOL R (0) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2
5,171 — Brissett 16, Bailey 50

BURNLEY (1) 1 WYCOMBE (0) 1
Joyce 40 — Williams 65
8,0?9

CARLISLE (0) 0 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
6,058

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 CREWE (0) 2
Morris 70 — Savage 71, Macauley 83
4,981

HULL (0) 2 SHREWSBURY (1) 3
Abbott 46, Windass 78 (pen) — Rowbotham 44, 80, Spink 73
3,266

OXFORD UTD (2) 2 STOCKPORT (1) 1
Gilchrist 6, Moody 45 — Ware 28
5,639

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Jeffrey 76 — 2,950

SWANSEA (1) 2 BRADFORD (0) 0
Torpey 12, 61 — 2,207

SWINDON (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
O'Sullivan 12, Allison 89 — 11,979

WALSALL (0) 1 PETERBOROUGH (0) 1
Lightbourne 72 — Power 79
3,768

YORK (0) 1 WREXHAM (0) 0
Barras 84 — 3,512

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (2) 3 EXETER (0) 2
Devine 7, Dyer 28, Cooper 85 — Turner 78, 89
2,146

BURY (2) 2 LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1
Carter 9, Rigby 45 — West 26
3,025

CAMBRIDGE UTD (2) 4 CARDIFF (0) 2
Corazzin 15, 30, Craddock 74, Adekola 84 — Adams 72, Bird 86
2,648

CHESTER (0) 0 DONCASTER (0) 3
2,374 — Madfield 77, Darby 78, Carmichael 88

COLCHESTER (3) 4 HARTLEPOOL (0) 1
Locke 9, 54, Adcock 20, Reinelt 25 — Howard 89
2,618

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 ROCHDALE (0) 0
Watson 27 — 7,785

HEREFORD (1) 2 TORQUAY (0) 1
White 44, Wilkins 90 — Hathaway 84
2,143

LINCOLN (0) 0 DARLINGTON (1) 2
2,564 — Appleby 43, Olsson 70

PLYMOUTH (2) 3 FULHAM (0) 0
Littlejohn 20, Baird 23, 77 — 6,681

PRESTON NE (1) 3 SCARBOROUGH (1) 2
Saville 6, Wilkinson 50, Davey 65 — Page 5, Ritchie 47
7,702

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
2,455

WIGAN (1) 2 MANSFIELD (2) 6
Diaz 33, 67 — Hadley 2, 74, 77, Peters 23, Harper 48, Doolan 52
2,084

GOALSCORERS

First division: 10: Goodman (Wolverhampton). 9: Aldridge (Tranmere). 8: Blake (Sheffield United); Bowyer (Charlton). 7: Mathie (Ipswich), Hunt (Birmingham), Payton (Barnsley), Taylor (West Bromwich). 6: McCarthy (Oldham), Leaburn (Charlton), Peschisolido (Stoke); Booth (Huddersfield). 5: Roberts (Leicester), Sturridge (Derby), Hunt (West Bromwich).

Second division: 13: White (Notts County). 10: Goater (Rotherham); Jones (Bournemouth); Barnes (York). 9 De Souza (Wycombe). 8 Stewart (Bristol Rovers). 7 Preece (Blackpool); Allison (Swindon), Armstrong (Stockport); Ellis (Blackpool). Reeves (Carlisle); Nogan (Burnley); Seal (Bristol City); Showler (Bradford).

Third division: 11 Dale (Cardiff). 9 Corazzin (Cambridge United) 8 Adcock (Colchester) 7 Littlejohn (Plymouth), Fortune-West (Gillingham); Whitehall (Rochdale), Stant (Bury). 6 Butler (Cambridge United); Evans (Plymouth); Inglethorpe (Leyton Orient); Bishop (Chester); Carter (Bury)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 1
22,500 — Moore 78

CELTIC (0) 2 PARTICK (0) 1
Van Hooydonk 59, Collins 67 — Smith 90
35,585

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 FALKIRK (0) 1
Jackson 30 (pen), McAllister 57 — Mackenzie 68
8,790

KILMARNOCK (2) 3 HEARTS (1) 1
Brown 43, McKee 44, 62 — Lawrence 9
6,721

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 RAITH (1) 2
5,727 — Dair 42, Sinclair 69

FIRST DIVISION

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 G MORTON (0) 0
Eadie 78 — 2,580

DUMBARTON (0) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Mooney 80 — 2,013

DUNDEE (1) 3 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Tosh 20, Hamilton 66, Wieghorst 73 — Boyd 85
3,555

HAMILTON (1) 1 DUNFERMLINE (2) 3
Clark 25 — Petrie 7, Moore 22, Robertson 64
1,506

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 AIRDRIE (0) 0
Scott 5 — 2,639
Sent off: J Sandison (Airdrie) 57

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (0) 0 EAST FIFE (0) 1
555 — Archibald 73

CLYDE (1) 1 STRANRAER (0) 1
Patterson 23 — Henderson 55
1,018

FORFAR (0) 0 STIRLING (3) 6
824 — McCormick 14, 39, 49, McInnes 25, 53, Taggart 78

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0 AYR (0) 0
1,147

STENHOUSEMUIR (3) 3 MONTROSE (0) 1
Logan 10, Mathieson 13, Hutchison 21 — Smith 59
500

THIRD DIVISION

BRECHIN (0) 0 ALBION (0) 1
341 — Young 69
Sent off: J Gallagher (Albion) 53

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 ARBROATH (0) 1
Scott 27 — Gardner 60
308
Sent off: B Malloy (Cowdenbeath) 82

EAST STIRLING (0) 0 CALEY THIS (1) 5
381 — Brennan 45, Ross 66, Stewart 68, 87, Mitchell 72
Sent off: A Neill (East Stirling) 64

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 ALLOA (0) 0
523
Sent off: K Hannah (Alloa) 67

ROSS COUNTY (1) 1 LIVINGSTON (0) 1
Milne 6 (pen) — Young 90
2,209

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (1) 1 BATH (1) 2
Terry 6 — Chiverton 4, Vernon 82
1,057
Sent off: Chiverton (Bath) 35

KETTERING (2) 2 SLOUGH (0) 0
Scott 28, Alford 36 — 1,902

KIDDERMINSTR (1) 1 DOVER (0) 1
Yates 38 — Leworthy 85
2,259

MACCLESFIELD (0) 2 BROMSGROVE (1) 1
Cavell 57, Lyons 80 — Crisp 30
1,137

RUNCORN (0) 0 HALIFAX (1) 1
637 — Midwood 45

WELLING (1) 1 GATESHEAD (1) 2
Morah 23 — Thompson 40, Dobson 74 (pen)
588

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Kidderminster	12	5	1	0	14	4	3	1	2	12	9	26
2 Bromsgrove	13	5	1	0	13	3	2	2	3	9	14	24
3 Hednesford	9	3	1	0	10	2	4	0	1	10	5	22
4 Kettering	13	4	2	0	15	3	2	2	3	12	15	22
5 Macclesfield	12	4	1	2	12	9	3	0	2	9	11	22
6 Slough	13	2	1	4	14	19	4	0	2	11	8	19
7 Halifax	14	5	1	2	10	6	1	0	5	5	12	19
8 Altrincham	12	3	2	2	13	9	2	1	2	5	6	18
9 Woking	11	6	0	0	14	3	0	0	5	4	12	18
10 Farnborough	9	3	2	1	13	5	1	1	1	7	6	15
11 Stevenage	9	2	1	1	8	3	2	2	1	7	8	15
12 Gateshead	11	3	1	1	7	5	1	2	3	4	9	15
13 Northwich	9	2	0	2	4	5	2	2	1	7	5	14
14 Stalybridge	11	3	1	1	9	9	1	1	4	6	8	14
15 Bath	12	2	1	2	7	7	2	1	4	4	10	14
16 Runcorn	13	3	1	2	9	8	1	1	5	5	14	14
17 Southport	12	1	2	3	6	8	2	2	2	12	12	13
18 Telford	10	2	2	2	9	8	1	1	2	3	8	12
19 Morecambe	10	3	0	2	9	7	0	2	3	6	12	11
20 Welling	10	1	1	2	7	8	1	2	3	8	8	9
21 Dag & Red	10	1	2	2	6	9	0	0	5	2	11	5
22 Dover	11	0	0	5	5	12	1	1	4	6	11	4

GOALSCORERS

Scottish Premier: 7 Booth (Aberdeen). 6 McCoist (Rangers); Arnott (Motherwell), Craig (Partick), Thom (Celtic) 5 Cameron (Raith); Jackson (Hibernian)

First division: 10 Hamilton (Dundee). 7 Petrie (Dunfermline), Shaw (Dundee). 6 Lilley (Greenock Morton); McKinlay (Dundee United) Shaw (Dunfermline).

Second division: 8 McCormick (Stirling). Scott (East Fife). 7 Irvine (Berwick). 6 Hutchison (Stenhousemuir)

Third division: 9 Young (Livingston). 8 Brand (Brechin).



Diego Maradona, of Boca Juniors, playing in his first competitive match after a 15-month ban, against Colon in the Argentine first division. Boca won 1-0.

OVERSEAS

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 1 Colon de Santa Fe 0

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Sturm Graz 0 Admira Wacker 2, Linzer ASK [illegible] Austria Vienna [illegible] FC Tirol Innsbruck 1 GAK 1, Linzer ASK 3 SV Salzburg [illegible] Rapid Vienna 4 St Polten 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE. Group A: Cruzeiro 2 Guarani 2 Parana 1 Paysandu 0. Group B: Sao Paulo 1 Portuguesa 0. Leading positions: Group A: 1 Palmeiras played 10 22 points 2 Cruzeiro 10 22 3 Parana 10 [illegible] Group B: 1 Fluminense played 10 [illegible] points 2 Internacional 10 20 3 Sao Paulo 10 18

SPANISH LEAGUE. P Betis 1 Barcelona 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Barcelona	7	5	2	0	19	6	17
Atletico Madrid	6	5	1	0	12	2	16
Espanyol	6	5	0	1	11	4	15
Compostela	6	4	1	1	7	7	13
Betis	7	3	3	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	12
Athletic Bilbao	6	3	2	1	6	4	11
Deportivo	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Valencia	6	3	1	2	9	9	10
Zaragoza	6	3	1	2	4	5	10
Sporting Gijon	6	3	0	3	11	9	9
Albacete	6	3	0	3	11	13	9
Tenerife	6	2	2	2	6	10	8
Real Sociedad	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
Oviedo	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Real Madrid	6	1	2	3	10	11	5
Valladolid	6	1	2	3	5	7	5
Sevilla	6	1	2	3	6	9	5
Celta	6	1	2	3	5	10	5
R Santander	6	1	1	4	5	15	4
Merida	6	0	3	3	3	7	3
Rayo Vallecano	6	3	1	5	5	14	3
Salamanca	6	0	2	4	1	7	2

J LEAGUE. Verdy Kawasaki 3 Jubilo Iwata 2 Nagoya Grampus Eight 2 Gamba Osaka 1 (aet) Shimizu S-Pulse 4 Bellmare Hiratsuka 0 Yokohama Marinos 1 Yokohama Flugels 0 Kashima Antlers 0 JEF Ichihara 0 (Kashima won 4-2 on pens) Sanfrecce Hiroshima 2 Kashiwa Reysol 1, Cerezo Osaka 3 Urawa Reds 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pt
Verdy	15	13	2	42	14	40
S-Pulse	15	12	3	26	12	36
Grampus	15	11	4	32	19	33
Marinos	15	10	5	26	17	30
Antlers	15	9	6	27	21	27
JEF	15	7	8	20	29	22
Reysol	15	7	8	31	32	21
Flugels	15	6	9	16	30	19
Cerezo	15	6	9	22	22	18
Jubilo	15	6	9	24	25	18
Reds	15	6	9	21	22	18
Sanfrecce	15	5	10	11	23	16
Bellmare	15	4	11	20	36	13
Gamba	15	3	12	22	36	9

NON LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

FA CUP

Third qualifying round: Barrow 1 Durham 1, Bishop Auckland 0 Lancaster 1, Blyth Spartans 3 Bedlington 1; Bognor 4 Dulwich 2; Bracknell 4 Wembley 1; Bradford PA 2 Curzon Ashton 1, Bromley 1 Sittingbourne 1, Buckingham 0 Aldershot 1. Burton 2 RC Warwick 0; Chelmsford 1 Billericay 1, Dagenham and Redbridge 1 Purfleet 1, Farnborough 3 Walton and Hersham 2; Forest Green 1 Cinderford 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 2 Carshalton 1, Guiseley 6 Moosley 1, Hednesford 2 Solihull 2, Hendon 0 Hayes 3, Hertford 0 Sudbury 2; Hyde 1 Colwyn Bay 2, King's Lynn 1 Canvey Island 0. Leicester 0 Evesham 1. Marine 0 Ilkeston 0, Morecambe 6 Gainsborough 2, Northwich 0 Eastwood 0; Sandwell 1 Rushden and Diamonds 6. Spennymoor 6 Billingham 1, St Albans 3 Romford 1, Stevenage 2 Staines 0 Telford 4 Halesowen 1, Thame 1 Newport IOW 1, Tiverton 4 Bideford 1, Tooting and Mitcham 0 Ashford 1. Trowbridge 2 Newport 0. Weymouth 2 Dorchester 3; Winsford 3 Hinckley A 2: Wisbech 1 Sudbury 0

UNIBOND

Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0 Boston 2, Buxton 3 Knowsley 2, Chorley 4 Witton 0; Emley 3 Matlock 2, Frickley 4 Droylsden 5, Leek 2 Bamber Bridge 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bamber B	12	8	4	0	28	10	28
Boston Utd	14	8	0	6	32	21	24
Witton Alb	14	7	2	5	25	20	23
Guiseley	12	6	4	2	28	18	22
Barrow	11	6	3	2	28	15	21
Emley	12	6	2	4	15	11	20
Acc Stanley	12	6	2	4	20	18	20
Blyth	11	5	3	3	23	18	18
B Auckland	11	5	3	3	14	15	18
Chorley	12	5	2	5	19	18	17
Spennymoor	12	4	4	4	18	16	16
Marine	10	4	3	3	13	8	15
Gainsborough	10	4	3	3	17	17	15
Hyde	10	4	2	4	15	11	14
Colwyn Bay	11	3	5	3	12	16	14
Leek	10	3	3	4	14	13	12
Winsford	9	3	3	3	6	10	12
Frickley	11	3	3	5	16	22	12
Droylsden	13	3	2	8	18	33	11
Buxton	12	2	3	7	15	31	9
Matlock	12	1	2	9	18	28	5
Knowsley	13	1	2	10	13	37	5

First division: Alfreton 1 Fleetwood 0, Atherton LR 0 Harrogate 2; Leigh 0 Farsley Celtic 0 Lincoln 2 Ashton 1, Radcliffe 1 Netherfield 2, Whitley Bay 1 Gretna 1, Workington 2 Warrington 2, Worksop 3 Great Harwood 2

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Baldock 5 Stafford 0, Cambridge City 3 Atherstone 1, Cheltenham 2 Gresley 0: Crawley 0 Gloucester 0. Worcester 1 Hastings 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rushden D	9	7	1	1	21	8	22
Worcester	10	6	3	1	17	7	21
Cheltenham	10	7	0	3	19	12	21
Gloucester	10	6	2	2	20	6	20
Newport	9	6	2	1	16	8	20
Baldock	10	5	3	2	21	7	18
Merthyr	9	5	1	3	19	14	16
Crawley	11	4	3	4	17	17	15
Gravesend N	9	4	2	3	15	12	14
Gresleys	10	3	4	3	9	11	13
Cambridge C	10	4	1	5	13	17	13
Halesowen	8	3	3	2	11	9	12
Burton	9	3	3	3	14	15	12
Chelmsford	9	4	0	5	10	15	12
Atherstone	9	3	2	4	15	14	11
Dorchester	9	3	1	5	16	13	10
Sudbury	9	2	4	3	15	16	10
Salisbury	9	3	1	5	10	13	10
Hastings	10	2	4	4	12	17	10
Ilkeston	6	1	2	5	8	24	5
VS Rugby	9	1	0	8	4	25	3
Stafford	10	0	0	10	9	31	0

Midland division: Bilston 3 Rothwell 0 Bridgnorth 1 Tamworth 4 Dudley 3 Hinckley 0. Grantham 1 Bedworth 1. Nuneaton 1 Corby 0. Paget 3 Moor Green 2

Southern division: Bashley 3 Fareham 0: Erith and Belvedere 4 Poole 1, Fisher 93 2 Braintree 2 Fleet 1 Clevedon 2 Tonbridge Angels 1 Havant 1: Waterlooville 1 Yate 1. Weston-super-Mare 4 Margate 3

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Premier division: Aylesbury 1 Boreham Wood 3. Chertsey 0 Enfield 3, Kingstonian 0 Hitchin 1, Molesey 2 Bishop's Stortford 1 Worthing 5 Sutton 2 Yeovil 2 Yeading 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	12	9	2	1	26	7	29
Carshalton	9	7	1	1	17	9	22
Aylesbury	11	6	3	2	24	12	21
Boreham Wood	9	6	2	1	16	8	20
Hayes	8	6	3	0	13	4	18
Dulwich	8	5	2	1	17	7	17
Kingstonian	11	3	6	2	13	11	15
St Albans	8	4	2	2	16	9	14
Yeovil	10	4	2	4	16	14	14
Chertsey	10	4	2	4	14	17	14
Harrow	8	3	2	3	14	12	11
B Stortford	9	2	4	3	11	13	10
Sutton Utd	10	2	4	4	17	21	10
Yeading	10	2	4	4	8	13	10
Hitchin	9	2	2	5	8	17	8
Molesey	9	2	2	5	7	18	8
Worthing	9	1	4	4	11	16	7
Grays	9	1	3	5	6	13	6
Bromley	8	1	2	5	7	13	5
Purfleet	7	0	4	3	5	12	4
Walton H	9	1	1	7	6	20	4
Hendon	7	0	3	4	5	13	3

First division: Barking 2 Basingstoke 2, Berkhamsted 4 Abingdon 2, Maidenhead 0 Oxford 2, Ruislip Manor 1 Chesham 0, Uxbridge 1 Leyton Pennant 0 Wokingham 1 Heybridge Swifts 0. Second division: Chalfont St Peter 0 Wivenhoe 3, Collier Row 4 Leatherhead 2, Edgware 1 Banstead 2, Egham 0 Metropolitan Police 2 Hampton 5 Croydon 3 Hemel Hempstead 2 Tilbury 1 Saffron Walden 1 Bedford 2, Witham 2 Ware 2. Third division: Camberley 1 Clapton 0, East Thurrock 2 Harlow 2 Flackwell Heath 7 Aveley 1 Harefield 1 Cove 0 Hornchurch 2 Windsor and Eton 1, Horsham 1 Tring 4, Leighton 2 Kingsbury 0, Southall 2 Northwood 0; Epsom and Ewell 0 Wingate and Finchley 3

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second round qualifying replay: Birstall 1 Banbury 3 St Margaretsbury 0 Wealdstone 2

SCOTTISH FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Buckie Thistle 1 Lossiemouth 2, Elgin 1 Deveronvale 2 Huntly 0 Fraserburgh 2. Keith 3 Peterhead 2 Burntisland Shipyard 0 Annan 0 Coldstream 0 Spartans 2 Edinburgh Univ 0 Whitehill Welfare 3 Vale Of Leithen 0 Glasgow Univ 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 3 Wimbledon 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 0 Blackburn 0 Manchester Utd 2 Leeds 0

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE. Premier division: Ash 0 Bedfont 1, Ashford 5 Horley 2 Cobham 0 Merstham 1, Farnham 3 Feltham 2 Godalming and Guildford 2 Netherne 0 Raynes Park Vale 2 Cranleigh 2 Viking Sports 1 Chipstead 2 Walton Casuals 2 DCA Basingstoke 0 Westfield 3 Eton Wick 0

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Ansells 2 Shirley 2, Chelmsley 0 Kings Heath 0 Coventry Sphinx 2 Studley BKL 3 Highgate 2 Handrahan Timbers 2 Massey Ferguson 0 Knowle 2 Olton Royale 1 Coleshill 1 Upton 6 Northfield 0 West Midland Fire Service 3 Alvechurch Villa 3

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett 1 Tow Law 1, Crook 5 Peterlee 1 Eppleton CW 1 Billingham Synthonia 3 Guisborough 0 Dunston Federation 1, Shildon 3 Chester-le-Street 2 Stockton 7 Ferryhill 2 West Auckland 1 RTM Newcastle 0 Whickham 3 Murton 2 Whitby 2 Seaham Red Star 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell 1 Crediton 0 Bridport 2 Barnstaple 1 Calne 1 Taunton 1 Elmore 2 Chippenham 4; Mangotsfield 8 Frome 0 Torrington 1 Odd Down 1 Postponed: Bristol Manor Farm v Paulton

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 2 North Leigh 0 Brackley 4 Shortwood 3, Burnham 2 Tuffley 2, Carterton 3 Bicester 4 Cirencester 2 Fairford 0, Didcot 2 Endsleigh 3 Lambourn Sports 2 Highworth 1 Postponed: Kintbury v Banbury.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 8 St Neots 1, Cogenhoe 3 Kempston 1 Long Buckby 4 Bourne 1, Mirrlees Blackstone 3 Northampton Spencer 0 Potton 0 Newport Pagnell 0 Raunds 2 St Corby 0. Spalding 1 Wellingborough 1 Stotfold 4 Desborough 2 Wootton 2 Stamford 4

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Armitage 0 Rushall Olympic 0, Blakenall 2 Boldmere Swifts 1, Bloxwich St Michaels 0 Rocester 1 Oadby 0 Barwell 0 Shepshed Dynamo 1 Chasetown 1 Sutton 0 Halesowen Harriers 0 Stapenhill 1 Pershore 2 Stratford 0 West Midlands Police 2

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division. Fakenham 7 Clacton 2 Great Yarmouth 0 Woodbridge 1 Halstead 3 Watton 1 Haverhill 1 Stowmarket 4 Lowestoft 4 Soham 2 Newmarket 2 Cornard 1 Sudbury 1 March 1 Tiptree 0 Diss 1 Wroxham 6 Felixstowe 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1 Andover 1, Swanage and Herston 1 Downton 9 Thatcham 3 Portsmouth RN 1 Wimborne 5 Ryde Sports 0

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Premier division. Arlesey 1 Potton 3 Biggleswade 2 London Colney 0 Harpenden 4 Potters Bar 2 Hatfield 2 Brache Sparta 0 Hoddesdon 3 Letchworth 1 Shillington 5 Dunstable 0 Toddington 2 Buckingham 1, Welwyn Garden 0 Milton Keynes 0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 0 Gillingham 0 Cambridge 1 Southend 3 Charlton Ath 3 Fulham 0 Leyton Orient 2 QPR 1 Portsmouth 0 Millwall 1 Tottenham Hotspur 2 Ipswich 0 Watford 1 Norwich 3 West Ham 3 Chelsea 3 Second division: Bournemouth 2 Tottenham 2 Brentford 0 Barnet 3 Bristol City 2 Southampton 2 Colchester 2 Swindon 0 Oxford 0 Bristol Rovers 1 Wimbledon 2 Luton 0 Wycombe 3 Crystal Palace 3 Postponed: Reading v Brighton

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First division: Blackpool Rovers 3 Holker OB 1, Clitheroe 5 Rossendale 0 Darwen 1 Chadderton 1 Eastwood Hanley 1 Glossop North End 1 Nantwich 0 Maine Road 2 Newcastle 2 Salford 1 Penrith 1 Burscough 2, Prescot 2 Flixton 2 Skelmersdale 0 St Helens 4 Trafford 1 Kidsgrove 0

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 2 Arnold 1 Belper 1 Maltby MW 1 Brigg 1 Ossett Albion 2 Hallam 3 Armthorpe Welfare 2 Hatfield Main 2 Liversedge 0 Hucknall 0 Glasshoughton Welfare 0 North Ferriby 3 Denaby 2 Ossett Town 4 Sheffield 1 Pickering 0 Thackley 2, Stocksbridge PS 2 Goole 2

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Latymer 1 Tenisonians 2, Hamptonians 2 Aloysians 0 Isleworthians 0 Danes 1, Ignatians 0 Glyn 1, Meadonians 2 Cardinal Manning 0 Senior first division: Tenisonians Res 0 Tiffinians 3 Vaughanians 2 Salvatorians 3 Mancunians 5 Chertsey Salesians 1 Kingsburians 0 Suttonians 0 Senior second division: Westhamians 4 Meadonians 1 Phoenix Res 0 Wokingians 6 Enfield Grammarians 5 Mill Hill County 2, Southgate County 2 Tollingtonians 4 Senior third division: Reigatians 0 Buckwellians 4 Hamptonians Res 5 Grocers 4 Vaughanians Res 4 Salvatorians Res 2 Dorminians 6 John Fisher 0

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians 4 Old Carthusians 3 Old Cholmeleians 0 Lancing 2 Old Foresters 7 Old Etonians 5 Old Malvernians 3 Old Reptonians 1 First division: Old Brentwoods 2 Old Wykehamists 1 Old Harrovians 4 Old Ardinians 1 Old Westminsters 5 Old Wykehamists 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: West Wickham 1 South Bank Poly 3 Carshalton 0 Nat West Bank 2 Norseman 0 Winchmore Hill 2 Old Esthameians 0 East Barnet OG 0 Crouch End Vampires 3 Civil Service 0 Lloyds Bank 1 Midland Bank 0 Old Stationers 2 Old Parmiterians 2 Polytechnic Res 4 Old Parkonians 1 Barclays Bank 1 Old Lyonians 3 Alleyn OB 0 Ibis 0 Old Westminster 1 Reigate Priory 3 Southgate Olympic 4 Ibis 0 Merton 1 Bank of England 3

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Ulysses 2 Old Grammarians 2 Third division: Balsbeck College 1 Westerns 3 Hampstead Heathens 5 Polygons 1 Old Farleighians 0 Duncombe Sports 0 Fourth division: Bournside 0 Economicals 5 London Airways 2 Brent 1

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hailsham 4 Pagham 0 Portfield 0 Peacehaven and Telscombe 6 Ringmer 1 Mile Oak 2 Southwick 1 Langney Sports 3 Stamco 9 Eastbourne Town 0 Three Bridges 0 Horsham YMCA 1 Whitehawk 1 Burgess Hill 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barkingside 4 Hanwell 0 Beaconsfield SYCOB 1 Cockfosters 2 Brimsdown 0 Amersham 0 Brook House 0 Tufnell Park Willingdon Borough 1 Croydon 0 Willesden 0 Tottenham O 4 Waltham Abbey 0 Woolwich 3

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 0 Slade Green 1, Cray 2 Tunbridge Wells 0 Crockenhill 1 Corinthian 4 Deal 0 Dartford 0, Folkestone Invicta 5 Chatham 2 Furness 3 Faversham 0 Greenwich 4 Ramsgate 0 Hythe 0 Sheppey 3 Whitstable 1 Thamesmead 3

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 3 Caernarfon 3 Briton Ferry 0 Cwmbran 5, Cemaes Bay 2 Afan Lido 2 Conwy 0 Barry 2, Ebbw Vale 1 Connah's Quay 1, Holywell 4 Llanelli 2, Inter Cardiff 3 Porthmadog 0 Llansantffraid 0 Bangor City 2, Rhyl 1 Caersws 2 Postponed: Ton Pentre v Newtown

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ebbw Vale	10	6	2	2	16	10	20
Conwy	8	5	2	1	24	13	17
Barry	9	5	2	2	19	9	17
Flint	9	5	2	2	17	9	17
Connah's Q	9	4	4	1	22	14	16
Newtown	8	5	1	2	11	5	16
Holywell	9	5	1	3	20	18	16
Bangor C	10	4	3	3	18	15	15
I Cardiff	10	4	2	4	19	16	14
Caernarfon	10	3	5	2	17	18	14
Cwmbran	9	3	4	2	17	10	13
Caersws	10	4	0	6	19	30	12
Llansant'aid	10	3	2	5	19	19	11
Afan Lido	8	3	2	3	10	11	11
Aberystwyth	9	3	1	5	17	19	10
Ton Pentre	8	2	3	3	12	14	9
Cemaes Bay	9	2	3	4	17	21	9
Rhyl	9	2	0	5	7	15	6
Porthmadog	9	2	1	6	14	21	7
Llanelli	10	2	1	7	14	26	7
Briton F	9	2	1	6	12	28	7

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division. Ards 1 Glenavon 1, Glentoran 1 Bangor 1 Linfield 1 Crusaders 2 Portadown 6 Cliftonville 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Portadown	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Crusaders	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Linfield	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Ards	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Glentoran	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Bangor	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Glenavon	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Cliftonville	2	0	1	1	1	6	1

First division: Carrick 2 Omagh 3 Coleraine 2 Distillery 1 Larne 2 Ballyclare 0. Newry 1 Ballymena 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ballymena	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Omagh	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Coleraine	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Larne	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Distillery	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Newry	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Ballyclare	2	0	1	1	1	3	-1
Carrick	2	0	0	2	3	6	0

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	3

FORECAST. Telephone claims for 23pts, dividend forecast is very good with seven kickpot draws and four no-score draws.

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Leicester	11	2	1	2	9	9	4	2	0	9	4	21	18
2 Millwall	11	2	1	2	4	4	4	2	0	7	3	21	11
3 Sunderland	11	2	2	1	7	5	3	2	1	6	5	19	13
4 Barnsley	11	3	2	1	10	11	2	1	2	8	10	18	18
5 West Brom	11	4	1	1	8	2	1	2	2	7	8	18	15
6 Birmingham	11	3	3	0	9	3	1	1	3	9	9	16	18
7 Tranmere	10	2	3	1	10	2	2	1	1	5	2	16	15
8 Charlton	11	3	2	1	9	6	1	2	2	6	5	16	15
9 Oldham	11	3	2	1	11	6	1	2	2	4	5	16	15
10 Huddersfield	11	4	0	2	11	7	1	1	3	4	9	16	15
11 Norwich	11	2	2	1	4	3	2	2	2	10	9	16	14
12 Grimsby	11	2	3	0	5	3	2	1	3	6	8	16	11
13 Ipswich	11	4	0	2	14	10	0	3	2	5	8	15	19
14 Southend	11	3	1	1	5	3	1	1	4	5	9	14	10
15 Wolves	11	2	2	1	8	4	1	2	3	7	10	13	15
16 Derby	11	1	3	1	4	4	2	1	3	8	11	13	12
17 Watford	11	2	2	2	8	6	1	1	3	6	9	12	14
18 Reading	11	2	1	2	9	9	0	5	1	4	6	12	13
19 Sheff Utd	11	2	1	3	8	10	1	1	3	7	10	11	15
20 C Palace	10	1	3	1	6	6	1	2	2	4	6	11	10
21 Stoke	11	1	3	2	4	5	1	2	2	6	11	11	10
22 Portsmouth	11	1	2	2	6	7	1	2	3	8	11	10	14
23 Port Vale	11	0	2	3	3	8	2	2	2	6	5	10	9
24 Luton	11	1	1	3	6	9	1	2	3	2	5	9	8

SECOND DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Swindon	11	4	2	0	12	3	4	0	1	11	5	26	23
2 Blackpool	11	4	0	1	8	4	3	1	2	9	7	22	17
3 Crewe	10	3	1	0	9	3	3	2	1	12	7	21	21
4 Bradford	11	4	0	1	9	6	2	1	3	6	10	19	15
5 Notts Co	11	3	1	1	7	4	2	3	1	5	4	19	12
6 Stockport	11	2	3	0	7	3	3	0	3	6	5	18	13
7 Chesterfield	11	4	1	1	13	5	1	1	3	5	7	17	18
8 Oxford Utd	11	4	1	1	11	4	0	4	1	4	5	17	15
9 Bristol Rvrs	11	2	1	3	7	10	3	1	1	6	4	17	13
10 Bournemth	11	3	1	1	9	7	2	0	4	6	9	16	15
11 Burnley	11	4	2	0	10	4	0	2	3	3	8	16	13
12 Rotherham	11	4	2	0	11	4	0	1	4	3	9	15	14
13 Wycombe	11	1	3	1	5	5	2	3	1	8	5	15	13
14 York	11	2	2	2	7	7	2	0	3	5	7	14	12
15 Walsall	11	2	3	1	10	8	1	1	3	3	4	13	13
16 Peterboro	11	3	1	1	8	4	0	3	3	5	13	13	13
17 Swansea	11	3	2	1	10	6	0	2	3	3	11	13	13
18 Wrexham	11	1	3	1	8	8	1	2	3	4	7	11	12
19 Brentford	11	3	0	3	5	6	0	2	3	2	6	11	7
20 Carlisle	11	2	2	2	6	4	0	2	3	4	12	10	10
21 Brighton	11	1	2	2	5	6	1	1	4	5	11	9	10
22 Shrewsbury	11	1	0	4	5	8	1	2	3	8	14	8	13
23 Bristol City	10	1	3	1	2	2	0	2	3	4	12	8	6
24 Hull	11	1	2	3	4	8	0	2	3	2	6	7	5

THIRD DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Gillingham	11	5	0	1	10	2	2	3	0	7	2	24	17
2 Chester	11	4	1	1	13	7	2	1	2	6	6	20	19
3 Cambridge	11	2	3	1	11	8	3	1	1	10	9	19	21
4 Plymouth	11	3	1	2	10	5	3	0	2	10	6	19	20
5 L Orient	11	4	1	0	10	3	1	3	2	7	8	19	17
6 Rochdale	11	2	2	1	13	8	3	1	2	7	4	18	20
7 Colchester	11	4	1	1	14	6	1	2	2	5	7	18	19
8 Preston	11	2	3	1	12	10	2	3	0	7	4	18	19
9 Doncaster	11	3	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	8	10	17	11
10 Exeter	11	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	2	6	8	16	13
11 Northamptn	11	2	2	1	10	6	2	1	3	4	7	15	14
12 Fulham	11	3	2	0	14	6	0	2	4	4	11	13	18
13 Mansfield	11	1	4	0	5	3	1	3	2	13	14	13	18
14 Hereford	11	2	2	2	11	9	1	2	2	6	8	13	17
15 Wigan	11	3	0	3	8	11	0	4	1	5	6	13	13
16 Bury	11	1	3	2	4	9	2	1	2	9	13	13	13
17 Scarboro	11	2	3	0	8	6	1	0	5	5	11	12	13
18 Darlington	11	0	2	3	4	7	2	4	0	8	5	12	12
19 Cardiff	11	2	1	2	5	3	1	2	3	7	10	12	12
20 Hartlepool	11	2	3	0	7	5	1	0	5	3	15	12	10
21 Scunthorpe	11	2	2	2	5	5	0	3	2	6	6	11	11
22 Torquay	11	2	2	1	7	4	0	2	4	4	11	10	11
23 Barnet	11	2	2	2	9	9	0	2	3	2	8	10	11
24 Lincoln	11	0	2	4	6	14	1	0	4	4	15	5	10

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Rangers	7	3	0	1	7	2	3	0	0	5	0	18	+10
2 Celtic	7	1	1	1	3	4	4	0	0	9	2	16	+6
3 Aberdeen	7	1	0	2	5	4	3	1	0	8	5	13	+4
4 Hibernian	7	1	2	0	5	4	2	1	1	5	4	12	+2
5 Raith	7	3	0	1	8	2	1	0	2	2	7	12	+1
6 Motherwell	7	1	1	1	4	3	0	3	1	3	4	7	0
7 Partick	7	1	3	0	5	3	0	1	2	3	6	7	-1
8 Hearts	7	1	1	2	6	8	0	1	2	3	7	5	-6
9 Kilmarnock	7	1	0	2	4	6	0	1	3	1	7	4	-8
10 Falkirk	7	0	1	3	2	6	0	1	2	3	7	2	-8

FIRST DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Dunfermline	8	3	0	0	7	2	4	0	1	10	3	21	+12
2 Dundee	8	1	2	1	7	6	2	2	0	10	4	13	+7
3 Dundee Utd	8	2	1	1	5	4	2	0	2	5	7	13	-1
4 Clydebank	8	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	1	5	4	12	+2
5 G Morton	8	1	1	1	5	4	2	1	2	9	6	11	+4
6 St Johnstone	8	2	1	2	7	7	1	1	1	4	2	11	+2
7 Airdrie	8	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	1	5	4	11	0
8 Dumbarton	8	2	0	3	4	11	1	0	2	4	7	9	-10
9 St Mirren	8	0	1	2	1	6	1	2	2	6	8	6	-7
10 Hamilton	8	0	1	3	3	10	0	2	2	2	4	3	-11

SECOND DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 East Fife	8	3	0	0	6	1	4	0	1	6	2	21	+9
2 Berwick	8	3	0	1	7	2	2	1	1	9	5	16	+9
3 Stranraer	8	2	2	0	6	1	1	2	1	4	4	13	+5
4 Forfar	8	2	1	2	3	9	2	0	1	5	3	13	-4
5 Stirling	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	2	1	7	4	12	+6
6 Stenhsmuir	8	2	1	1	7	3	1	1	2	4	6	11	+2
7 Clyde	8	1	1	2	5	5	1	3	0	5	2	10	+3
8 Ayr	8	0	2	2	3	8	1	1	2	1	3	6	-7
9 Queen of S	8	0	2	3	3	12	1	0	2	6	5	5	-8
10 Montrose	8	0	1	2	1	5	0	1	4	2	13	2	-15

THIRD DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Livingston	8	3	0	0	6	1	4	1	0	10	3	22	+12
2 Brechin	8	2	1	2	6	5	3	0	0	5	1	16	+5
3 Ross County	8	3	2	0	14	6	1	1	1	4	4	15	+8
4 Arbroath	8	1	1	1	5	6	2	2	1	8	6	12	+1
5 Caley This	8	1	1	2	5	7	2	1	1	13	4	11	+7
6 Cowdenbth	8	2	1	2	6	5	1	1	1	6	7	11	0
7 Alloa	8	1	0	2	3	9	1	2	2	3	5	8	-8
8 Albion	8	1	1	2	7	8	1	0	3	5	10	7	-6
9 Queen's Pk	8	2	1	1	4	3	0	0	4	2	10	7	-7
10 East Stirling	8	0	1	3	4	11	0	1	3	5	10	2	-12

Where football offers hope of a brighter future

Rob Hughes finds Croatia, still coping with the ravages of war, basking in the success of its impressive national team

As night fell on Croatia yesterday and a full, luminous moon rose over the Adriatic, the Poljud Stadium in Split resounded to a deafening roar. More than 40,000 voices shouted "Torcida Cro-atia!" They lit their flares, dared Italy to try to become the first visiting nation ever to win on Croatian soil and reflected a fanaticism that had grown from the spectators of Hajduk Split 45 autumns ago.

To witness this was to realise that the stadium, still bearing the bullet holes of war, was, for some hours yesterday, the epicentre of the Balkans' hope for peace. Dr Franjo Tudjman, the President of Croatia since it declared independence five years ago, rose to meet the acclaim of his people — as well he might, for the Torcida, the most fanatical group among Split's football-following public, had been recruited for the army that had lost so many in the fight against Serbia.

Ivan Katalinic, once the goalkeeper for Southampton and now, in charge of Hajduk, the most successful club coach in his homeland, shouted in my ear: "You know, many, many of these people were in this stadium the night that Tito died. Personally, I was on tour in America with Southampton — Mick Channon broke the news to me — but among the 55,000 people in this stadium, thousands began to cry. The match of Hajduk against Red Star Belgrade had to be abandoned after 27 minutes. Many of us knew, even then, that the miracle of holding Yugoslavia together was dying with this man."

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Now there is new expression, new hope reflected through the red and white checkboard colours representing the republic of less than five million people. Only one of their players on the ground, the goalkeeper, Drazan Ladic, still plays in the Croatian league. The reason is simple: when Katalinic's team reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup earlier this year, it was the trigger for seven of the first-choice 11 to move abroad, where they could earn ten times the £30,000 salary with bonuses offered by even the best club in Croatia.

Against the national team last night, Italy, with their £1.2 million-a-year forward, Alessandro Del Piero, were striving to avenge a defeat by Croatia in Palermo last November. Not one Croatian player received a single *kuna* for that, or for any other game in this European championship qualifying round. The Croatians are playing for expenses only, although, if they qualify from group four, there is a bonus in the region of £40,000 per man.

"Tonight is the decisive moment for Croatia," Zvonimir Boban, the team captain and one of several who earns his fortune in lira, said. He and his colleagues, in luxurious and guarded surroundings, appeared perfectly relaxed — more so than their opponents and much more so than the coaches from the former Yugoslavia whose work as missionaries in dangerous places such as Africa had still not prepared them for the pressure being put on the young players last night. They feared that the explo-



sion of sound and weight of expectation would motivate the Italians while being too emotional, too charged for their own players.

Down in the medieval centre of Split, among the calm and outwardly prosperous shopping precincts, the Italians had braved just a solitary night. Their hotel, close to the opera house, had been freshly daubed in red paint with the slogan, in English: "All for Croatia". Yet there is neither self-pity nor an apparent lack of the essentials of life in Split. No wonder that laughter greeted Antonio Matarrese, the president of the Italian football federation, when he tried to have this match moved to a neutral country and then grumbled that Italy would come to play only if there were guarantees from the United Nations.

Indeed, the city centre is full of United Nations vehicles, and those of many aid and religious missionary groups, but this seems to have less to do with protection than the convenience of Split airport.

From Florence, where the Italians were camped, to Split involves a 45-minute flight. From Split to Knin, where the first shots between Croats and Serbs were fired five years ago and where, in August, the Croatian Army began to reverse the course of the war, involves a flight of just a few seconds, if you are in a jet fighter. Small wonder that whoever has dared to come to play against Croatia has lost, usually heavily, even in a place that seems far removed from fear itself. Davor Suker, who plies his trade with Sevilla in Spain, had, for example, before last night, scored 14 goals in 13 internationals.

> 'There is hope that football can be a tool in promoting a new state'

The Croatian team's endeavours yesterday caught the pulse of national hope and expectation. The capacity of the all-seat stadium, the home of Hajduk, Croatia's biggest club, could have been sold out several times and there is hope and belief that football can be a significant tool in promoting a new state.

Sport is no substitute for war, of course, but that did not stop Miljan Miljanic, the most respected Yugoslav coach of them all, putting a proposal to Nadad Vidosevic, the president of Hajduk Split: "Why don't you bring Hajduk to play Red Star in Belgrade?" He asked. "We would fill the stadium with 100,000 people."

The proposal was for the biggest club in Croatia to visit the biggest in Serbia. The idealism for which Miljanic is renowned, is commendable, but would the Torcida be invited or willing to go? When they first celebrated a victory for Hajduk over Red Star in 1950, the leaders of the new fanatical football support group were jailed for years by the Government in Belgrade. The final word from a night of sport between Croatia and Italy has to be in Croatian: "Zivjeli!" Cheers!

☐ Terry Venables has turned down an offer to coach the Italian club, Internazionale. Venables, the England coach, said yesterday: "I made it clear that I was under contract to the Football Association until the end of the European championship next year."

Resistance to change the chief hurdle for Jefferies

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

EVERY football club lies in wait for its new manager. He might arrive with hopes and plans, but always walks straight into an ambush. The past is ready to put up a fight.

Like any other institution, a club does not wish to be disturbed. At Heart of Midlothian, Jim Jefferies is engaged in precisely the same struggle that his predecessors lost.

In the film *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is condemned to live the same 24 hours in his life over and over again. The Scottish version is set at Tynecastle. After each defeat, Jefferies talks about the stagnation of players who have simply been at the club too long. The press room has also heard those words delivered by other voices. Tommy McLean, the last manager, held identical views. He was sacked in the summer.

Both men are correct but being in the right is never enough. There is still the challenge of making changes to be faced. Unfortunately, when Hearts do bring in fresh blood it soon tends to be spilt.

On Saturday, Jefferies gave the goalkeeper, Gary O'Connor, his Bell's Scottish League premier division debut against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park. O'Connor found it unforgettable for all the wrong reasons as his errors contributed to a 3-1 defeat.

Hearts now have five points from seven games. The only consolation for Tynecastle is the even more feeble form elsewhere. Evading relegation should not, in any case, trouble Jefferies greatly. His team is afflicted by injuries, but, when key players such as Craig Levein do recover, the results should stabilise.

Jefferies, however, did not come to Tynecastle to hold out the promise of mediocrity and bare survival. Hearts, without a major trophy for 33 years, still have, astonishingly enough, the potential to be a significant force in Scottish football.

With two attractive new stands to beckon supporters, the club sold a record number of season tickets this summer.

The arrival of Jefferies itself brought a late flurry of applications. He is a fondly-regarded former player who reciprocated the affection. All the same, Hearts are in such dilapidated condition that Jefferies still vacillated over taking the job.

At Falkirk, his former club, the principal expenditure lay in paying for Jefferies's petrol as he toured Britain, calling at half-forgotten grounds to wheel and deal for players nobody else was interested in. He then pieced the signings together into a Falkirk side that finished fifth in the premier division last season.

Naturally, Jefferies was reluctant to walk away from his achievement. At Tynecastle, too, he must have known that his Brockville methods would be less effective. Success was as much a shock as a pleasure to Falkirk fans and there was little pressure on the players. At Tynecastle, in contrast, there is still an ancestral sense that each game ought to be won.

Jefferies is therefore introducing bargain purchases such as the forward, Alan Lawrence, 34, and the defender, David Winnie, a free transfer from Aberdeen, into a testing environment. The manager has no funds whatsoever to spend, yet he surely knows that a batch of footballers with greater reputations is really required.

Money is always the answer. Rangers beat Aberdeen 1-0 at Pittodrie on Saturday because a resilient team can be plucked from the extensive and expensive Ibrox squad even when Paul Gascoigne, Brian Laudrup and Ally McCoist are all injured. The £7 million spent on players by Celtic's new regime also explains why they are maintaining close pursuit of Rangers.

The Hearts chairman, Chris Robinson, who took the club over in 1994, inherited debts and has had to increase them to fund ground development. For all the rumours, nobody with greater means has emerged to buy him out.

Last week some senior Hearts players amused themselves by giving the apprentices a general knowledge test that revealed only general ignorance. At Tynecastle, though, even the grown-ups have very few answers.

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Fortune-West, the Gillingham forward bought by the supporters, hails an apparent sea change on the Medway. Photograph: Andre Camara

Gillingham find a new way forward

David Powell meets a management team refusing to accept the culture of failure

This is a success story born of tragedy. Gillingham, in receivership four months ago, lead the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, thanks to a 1-0 defeat of Rochdale on Saturday. Paul Scally, the new owner, and Tony Pulis, the new manager, have turned the club's fortunes around and the word promotion is creeping into the local vocabulary.

Pulis has just won Gillingham's first manager of the month award for ten years. kick-off was delayed for 15 minutes to give the crowd time to get in, there is not a club in the four divisions with a better defensive record, and already Gillingham have more points than they have had going into their last few Christmases. Yet, but for the death of Scally's one-year-old son in a domestic accident, Gillingham's new owner would probably still be adding to his wealth and supporting Millwall.

"When my little boy had the accident, making money seemed pointless," Scally said. "I decided I would not work again until my other children were at school."

Scally sold his photo-copying business and, at 36, retired to devote his time to his family. That was in 1991. In March 1995, when the time was right to return to business, he heard of Gillingham's plight. His curiosity was aroused and, a Millwall supporter for 28 years, he spent seven games on the terraces at Gillingham "to get the feel for the club".

His heart and money were won. "What impressed me more than anything was the crowd," Scally said. What did not impress him, once his rescue package had been accepted, was the "tremendous apathy" within the club.

"Failure was acceptable," Scally said. The offices, the boardroom, everywhere, was dingy. "It was depressing. I thought: 'This is why people feel bad about themselves'."

While Scally came in with the decorators, Pulis arrived with a new broom. "The apathy extended to the players," Pulis said. "A lot of them had been here a long time and had got used to losing."

Only two of the team which won on Saturday, courtesy of a headed goal by Watson, were at Gillingham last season. Though most were free transfers, money was made available for players. Putnam, a £30,000 buy, made his debut on Saturday, but the £5,000 which bought Fortune-West, the club's top scorer, from Stevenage, was given by the supporters' club.

How much has Scally put in? "Everything," he said. "If this business collapses, I collapse. But I feel I can make it a good business and we can go places." He talks of a new ground and Premiership potential. His motives for moving in were two-fold. "I love football and I saw tremendous potential as a business."

Scally still does not know his way through the Medway towns — "I went to Rochester for the first time the other day" — but what do the fans care? As long he navigates them out of the third division.

GILLINGHAM (4-4-2): J Stannard — R Green, A Watson, M Horne, D Naylor — N Smith, S Ratcliffe, D Martin (sub: D Putnam, 73min), M O'Connor — D Bailey, L Fortune-West

ROCHDALE (3-5-2): J Gray — A Thackeray, D Bayliss, P Butler — K Formby, D Thompson, J Peake (sub: A Russell, 78), D Martin (sub: G Shaw, 58), J Deary — S Whitehall (sub: P Moulden, 58), M Stuart. Referee: A D'Urso.

Fluent Swindon find route back to success

Swindon Town	2
Bristol City	0

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

SWINDON Town, after starting the season like an express train, had recently shown signs of coming off the rails, but got themselves back on track with this win at a rain-swept County Ground on Saturday.

As if last week's first League defeat at Wrexham and their Coca-Cola Cup exit at Blackburn weren't bad enough, Swindon's player-manager, Steve McMahon, also received that traditional kiss of death, the manager of the month award, before the match. Nevertheless, the game began well for Swindon, who gave Paterson, the sweeper, few opportunities to indulge in Gullit-like breaks, reducing him mainly to first-time kicks into touch. When O'Sullivan turned on Allison's header from Robinson's cross to shoot past Dykstra, the Bristol City goalkeeper, after 12 minutes, it promised to be the first of many.

Bristol City offered little beyond Bent's right wing surges and the belief of Barnard, a new signing, that he could score from any distance. In contrast, Swindon's fluent football allowed their own sweeper, Culverhouse, and Taylor, a central defender, to get forward, and brought an opportunity to increase their lead after 34 minutes when Robinson ran past four defenders before Dykstra brought him down.

Bodin, still taking penalties despite memorable failures, hit this one hard, low, but unfortunately straight at the keeper. Bodin's decision to give up the job now is easier to understand than Dykstra's to talk himself into a yellow card for arguing about the award of the penalty he had just saved.



McMahon: no regrets

Having reached half-time without further damage, City forced Swindon back after the restart. It took a reflex save by Digby — from Nugent's close-range shot — to sting Swindon back into life, and they launched a flurry of counter-attacks.

Then, three minutes from time, the City manager, Joe Jordan, withdrew Paterson in favour of an extra attacker, Agostino, and almost immediately a misunderstanding between Starbuck and Owers presented the ball to Horlock, who swept a pass out to Finney in the newly-opened space. His low cross was touched home inside the six-yard box by Wayne Allison.

"We took a gamble.," said Jordan, who also revealed that he had tried to sign McMahon. "Swindon's best player", when he took over at Ashton Gate last year. McMahon, not surprisingly, does not regret his decision to take the Swindon job instead, despite relegation last season.

"I've changed one or two things," he said. "I hope I've changed, too." His new-found ability to stay on the pitch for 90 minutes (a question of discipline, not fitness) is probably the clearest example of an adjustment to his responsibilities. His Liverpool pedigree remains clear in both roles. "Today, we got back to basics," he said. "After two defeats, nothing but the result was important." Spoken like a true son of Anfield.

SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — M Seagraves, I Culverhouse, S Taylor — M Robinson, W O'Sullivan, S McMahon, K Horlock, P Bodin — S Finney, W Allison.

BRISTOL CITY (3-5-2): F Dykstra — M Bryant, S Paterson (sub: P Agostino, 83min), R Dryden — G Owers, M Kuhl, P Starbuck, D Barnard, R Edwards — J Bent, K Nugent.

Referee: R Gifford

Juninho's signing a reward for Robson's persistence

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

EVEN the curious thousands of Middlesbrough supporters who are expected to congregate at Teesside Airport tomorrow, when Juninho is scheduled to arrive from Rio, had to suspend their disbelief when the FA Carling Premiership football club yesterday announced that it had completed the £4.75 million transfer of the midfield player from São Paulo.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, has been rewarded for his persistence in pursuing the Brazil international. After being rebuffed on a visit to São Paulo in July, he returned last Monday, devoting five days to convincing Juninho, 22, that Middlesbrough is the place to be.

Determined to sample English life, Juninho had originally set his heart on a move to London. Arsenal, Internazioriale, FC Porto, Aston Villa and Leeds United had all been interested in signing him, but, perhaps confident that he would not countenance a move to Middlesbrough, were prepared to bide their time.

However, as David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, finalised his flight arrangements to Rio, Robson was returning to London before joining the England squad at Bisham Abbey yesterday.

On Wednesday night, Robson will be by the side of Terry Venables, the England coach, in Norway. It was in this capacity that he had confirmation of Juninho's ability last spring, when England faced Brazil in the Umbro Cup tournament. Juninho scored a spectacular goal as Brazil beat England at Wembley, and has since been named Brazilian footballer of the year.

"It has taken a long time to clinch the deal but it has been well worthwhile," Robson said. "It is a big step for Juninho but I'm confident he'll be a big success in England.

"It's a great day for Middlesbrough because Juninho is world-class. We lost out on him in the summer but I never gave up, and that's why we returned to Brazil to sign him. People were saying we weren't a big enough club to take on a player like Juninho, but we have proved them wrong."

Nobody on Teesside wants to mention Mirandinha, a Brazilian flop at Newcastle United in the 1980s, but, in any case, Juninho boasts a superior record. Accordingly, Middlesbrough expect no problems in securing a work permit this week. Keith Lamb, the Middlesbrough chief executive, who assisted Robson in the negotiations, said: "It is a measure of Middesbrough's ambition that we have just signed the most sought-after player in the world."

Barely 18 months ago, Middlesbrough were performing in front of 6,000 crowds, but now, with Nick Barmby, who cost £5.25 million from Tottenham Hotspur, in their colours, and Juninho to come, they are playing to 30,000 sell-outs in their new stadium, and stand seventh in the Premiership. It represents an exciting transformation.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PORTSMOUTH: BUPA Great South Run (10 miles). 1, B Masya (Ken) 45min 56sec (UK all-comers record); 2, G. Staines (Belgrave) 47.47; 3, E Wanderi (Ken) 49.06; 4, F Kibunge (Ken) 49.20; 5, M Hawkins (Bingley) 50.11; 6, P McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill) 50.11. Women: 1, E McColgan (Dundee-Hawkhill) 53.12 (course-record & best by UK athlete this year); 2, K McCandless (US/Parkside Harrow) 54.31; 3, S Rigg (Warrington) 56.55.

PETERSHAM: Surrey Veterans cross country championships (10km): 1, B Attwell (South London Harriers) 34.27; 2, R Roath (Woking) 34.28; 3, S Badgery (Hercules Wimbledon) 34.39. Teams: 1, Hercules Wimbledon 17; 2, Woking 23; 3, South London Harriers 24.

NEWBURY: Kenridge road race (10 miles, inc AAA Championships). 1, S Knight (Cardiff) 51.08; 2, R Wise (Westbury) 51.29; 3, P Richards (Swansea) 51.50. Teams: 1, Westbury 20; 2, White Horse 64; 3, Newbury 98. Veteran: 1, R Taylor (Newbury) 56.33. Women: 1, C Holmes (Notts) 56.53; 2, S Dinot (Southampton City) 60.16; 3, N Swithenbank (Redhill Road Runners) 60.30. Team: 1, Redhill Road Runners; 2, Southampton City. Veteran: L Rushmere (Redhill Road Runners) 60.43.

SOUTH SHIELDS: Inter-Counties road running championship (20 miles). 1, D Bond (Yorkshire) 1:51:13; 2, P Banks (Lancashire) 1:52:43; 3, P Pleasance (Yorkshire) 1:53:21. Teams: 1, Yorkshire 9; 2, Lancashire 15; 3, North East Counties 25. Women: 1, E Robinson (North-East) 2:14:29; 2, S Allen (North-East) 2:15:19; 3, M Levy (North-East) 2:26:15. Team: North East Counties 6.

BIRMINGHAM: Reebok Midland Counties road relay championships: Men (6x8km): 1, Tipton 1:48:52; 2, Bristol (holders) 1:49:52; 3, Telford 1:50:04. Women: 4x4.35km: 1, Birchfield 1:01:10; 2, Redhill, Nottingham 1:02:29; 3, Westbury 1:03:29.

NEW YORK: Chemical corporate challenge international championship (3.5 miles): Men: 1, S Tsiane (SA) 16:17; 2, J Monyatso (SA) 16:19; 3, A Mkiba (SA); 4, E Martin (British) 16:21. Other British: 8, P Haynes 17:08; 11, M Gregory 17:18; 18, R Smith 17:42; 20, J Stasling 17:48; 42, D Kennedy 18:22. Teams: 1, South Africa 1:21:58; 2, Britain (Ford, London) 1:27:10; 3, US 1:29:17. Women: 1, K Molloy (US) 19:50; 2, J Coulson (Britain) 19:58; 3, K Ohem (US) 20:08. Other British: 32, L Hickey 22:40; 33, N Embery 22:41. Teams: 1, Britain (Barclays Bank) 67; 2, US (New York Police) 82; 3, US (Rodale Press) 93.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 8 Boston 2 (Cleveland win series 3-0). Seattle 7 New York 4. Saturday: Seattle 11 New York 8 (Series tied 2-2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati 10 Los Angeles 1 (Cincinnati win series 3-0); Colorado 7 Atlanta 5. Saturday: Atlanta 10 Colorado 4 (Atlanta win series 3-1).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester 74 Hemel 81.

BOWLS

BALLYMONEY, Northern Ireland: Rogers Causeway Coast masters tournament: First round: B Thompson (Ire) bt D Corkill (Ire) 21-12. Quarter-finals: J Henry (Ire) bt W Richards (Eng) 21-8; A Thomson (Eng) bt J Price (Wales) 21-11; R Corsie (Scot) bt S Rees (Wales) 21-19; B Thompson (Ire) bt A Marshall (Scot) 21-20.

CIS SCOTTISH INDOOR LEAGUE: First division: Section A: Ayr 87 West Lothian 86; Irvine 92 Dundee 75; Cumbernauld 95 Tomill 71. Section B: Prestwick 99 Auchinleck 78; Balgardie 72 Bainfield 84; Stirling 72 Lanarkshire 58; Edinburgh 79 East Lothian 89. Second division: Section A: Dyce 81 Buchan 77; Stonehaven 79 Elgin 76; Fraserburgh 80 Garioch 68. Section B: Forfar 82 Arbroath 78. Section C: Blantyre 78 Tweedbank 69; Portobello 84 East Kilbride 56; Teviotdale 80 Midlothian 79. Section D: Cowal 85 Allander 58; Clydebank 69 Whiteinch 99; Finlay 57 Inverclyde 55. Section E: Paisley 99 Ardrossan 66; West of Scotland 85 Lochwinnoch 78; Galloway 82 Glasgow 72.

BOXING

ULSTER HALL, Belfast: World Boxing Organisation welterweight title (12 rnds): E Loughran (Ballymena, holder) bt A Sales (Dom) pts. World Boxing Organisation inter-continental light-middleweight title (12 rnds, vacant): A Dodson (Islington) bt H Daigneault (Can) rtd 4th. Heavyweight (6 rnds): M Holden (Manchester) bt R McKenzie (Croydon) rtd 2nd. Cruiserweight (6 rnds): D Corbett (Belfast) bt N Rafferty (Wolverhampton) pts. Welterweight (6 rnds): N Sinclair (Belfast) bt W Shepherd (Manchester) pts. Super-featherweight (4 rnds): E Brolly (Belfast) bt M O'Callaghan (Tonbridge Wells) pts. Super-bantamweight (6 rnds): P Ireland (Belfast) bt M Chestnut (Birmingham) rtd 5th. Bantamweight (4 rnds): F Slane (Belfast) bt H Jones (Cardiff) pts.

ATLANTIC CITY: Heavyweight bout: L Lewis (GB) bt T Morrison (US) rsc 6th.

CRICKET

RAJKOT: Tour match (second day of three): BCCI President's XI v New Zealand: New Zealand 388 for 5 dec (M Greatbatch 158) President's XI 388 for 6 (R Dravid 145, M Azharuddin 100).

CYCLING

DUITAMA, COLUMBIA: World championship: Men's amateur road race (177km): 1, D Nelissen (Hol) 4hr 52min 38sec; 2, D Sgnaolin (It) at 18sec; 3, P Alvaro Rodriguez (Esu) 46; 4, V Becerra (Col) 46; 5, M Fincato (It) at 1min 50sec; 6, N Bo Larsen (Den) 1.50; 7, J Luis Vanegas (Col) 2.42; 8, M Stephens (GB) 4.28; 9, M Guevara (Ven) 4.51; 10, H Ruben Chiles (Ecu) 6.49. Women's road race (55 miles): 1, J Longo (Fr) 2hr 37min 45sec; 2, C Marsal (Fr) at 38sec; 3, E Pucinskaite (Lith) 1.56; 17, M Purvis (GB) 8.22.

TIME-TRIALS: Merseyside Wheelers Invitation (Hatchmere, Cheshire, 28 miles): 1, C Boardman (GAN) 1hr 4min 58sec (event record); 2, S Dangerfield (Leo RC) 1.06.21; 3, C Newton (N Wirral Velo) 1.06.54. Verulam CC (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 25 miles): 1, I Cammish (Velo Vento) 52.28; 2, K Neary (Leo RC) 52.28; 3, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 53.22. Team: Leo RC 2.42.30. Norwich ABC (25 miles): 1, M Pyne (Leo RC) 54.32; 2, D Stall (North Road RT) 54.38; 3, J King (Pro Circuit) 55.25. Team: CC Breckland 3.11.37. Rother Valley CC (Bay, West Sussex, 24 miles): 1, M Sinnott (Festival RC) 1.01.57; 2, M Potter (Wessex Wh) 1.02.07; 3, C Birch (Alton CC) 1.02.26. Team: Rother Valley CC 3.28.17.

HILL CLIMBS: Cleveland Wheelers (Carlton Bank, 1.363 miles): 1, D Benderlow (Morley CC) 6.44.4; 2, G Strzalka (Middridge CRT) 7.02.2; 3, J Robson (North East RT) 7.04.5. Manchester Wheelers (Standing Stones, near Macclesfield, 1,477 yds): 1, S Green (Oldham Century RC) 3.38.8; 2, B Green (Oldham Century) 3.47.5; 3, S Bader (TS Tameside) 3.51.4. Team: Oldham Century RC 11.28.9. Wrexham RC (Horseshoe Pass, 2.8 miles): 1, K Russell (Coventry CC) 10.16.0; 2, M Turnbull (TS Tameside) 10.18.0; 3, P Mason (Wreкinsport CC) 10.19.0. Team: Coventry CC 31.47.0. Hull Thursday RC (Brantingham, 895 yds): 1, A Hornby (Brough Wh) 2.26.0; 2, D Evington (Hull Thursday RC) 2.36.2; 3, S Wells (Lindsey RCC) 2.37.0. BCF North Midlands Division (Monsal Head, Derbys, 845 yds): 1, D Timbers (Maltby CC) 1.31.6; 2, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) 1.34.5; 3, C Roy (Mansfield RC) 1.35.3. Team: Maltby CC (2 riders) 3.20.1. Bolton Clarion (1 mile): 1, S Walton (Rossendale RC) 3.56.8 (event record); 2, C Battersby (Stretford Wh) 3.57.7; 3, P Styles (Nova CC) 4.02.3. West of Scotland championship (Lochwinnoch, Strathclyde, 1 mile): 1, A Wright (Paisley RT) 4.52.91; 2, D Gibson (GS Modena) 5.00.70; 3, J Gladwell (Edinburgh BC) 5.02.61. Aberdeen and Dist CA championship (Cairn o'Mount, Grampian, 1 mile): 1, A Ramsay (Aberdeen Wh) 4.27.78; 2, W Hart (Fenyhill Wh) 4.35.18; 3, R Jolly (Deeside Thistle) 4.35.72. Rossendale RC (Crown Point, Burnley, 1,000m): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 2.33.2; 2, S Green (Oldham Century RC) 2.51.8; 3, M Turnbull (TS Tameside) 2.54.5. Condor RC (Scarthead, nr Halifax, 1,408 yds): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 3.56.9; 2, T Anderson (Holme Valley Wh) 4.29.0; 3, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) 4.38.8.

ROAD RACE: GEP International (Mentmore, Bucks, 56 miles): 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 2.17.00; 2, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT) same time; 3, I Knight (Olympia Sport) at 1.45.

CYCLO-CROSS: Black Country Wheelers (Dudley, West Midlands, 12 miles): 1, S Douce (Ambrose, Dessens) 58.20; 2, M Seddon (Ace RT) at 18sec; 3, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC) at 38sec. Silcoates Scramble (Wakefield, 13 miles): 1, R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC) 50.32; 2, D Maloney (Norton Wh) at 14sec; 3, J Watson (Bradford Olympic) at 1.06. Meddridge CRT (Gatehead, 9 miles): 1, V Potter (Dawes RT) 48.10; 2, K Sabiston (G Rangers) at 1.20; 3, J Stowe (Derwentside CC) at 2.07. Sleaford Wheelers (Caythorpe, Lincs, 19 miles): 1, D Bemrose (Ace RT) 59.49; 2, S Barton (VC Lincoln) at 8sec; 3, M Daley (Charry Valley RT) at 20sec.

DARTS

AYR: Butlins World Professional Team Championship (England unless stated): Second round: P Evison and R Harrington bt D Priestley and E Bristow 6-2; J Wilson (Scot) and P Taylor bt A Warriner and K Spolek 6-5; S Downs (US) and G Verrier (US) bt D Smith and T Kirby (Ire) 6-3; K Deller and J Harvey (Scot) bt J Lowe and C Lazarenko 6-4; D Priestley and E Bristow bt A Warriner and K Spolek 6-5; P Evison and R Harrington bt J Wilson (Scot) and P Taylor 6-5; K Deller and J Harvey (Scot) bt S Downs (US) and G Verrier (US) 6-5; J Lowe and C Lazarenko bt D Smith and T Kirby (Ire) 6-3.

GOLF

ZURICH: Senior Pro-Am Lexus Trophy: Third-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 208: L Higgins 69, 70, 67. 211: R Vines (Aus) 70, 68, 73. 212: T Horton 72, 72, 68; V Tshabalala (SA) 72, 70, 70; D Butler 71, 70, 71; B Waites 72, 69, 71; M Gregson 72, 69, 71; J Morgan 72, 69, 71; D Creamer 70, 69, 73. 213: P Butler 71, 75, 67; C Evans (US) 73, 70, 70; N Coles 71, 70, 72. 214: N Ratcliffe (Aus) 75, 72, 67; H Schumacher (Swtz) 73, 73, 68; A Garrido (Sp) 71, 68, 75. 215: R Fidler 73, 69, 73; R Campagnoli (It) 69, 72, 74; J Fourie (SA) 70, 70, 75.

FLORIDA: Walt Disney Classic: Second-round scores (US unless stated): 130: B Bryant 67, 63; C Paulson 62, 68. 131: P Burke 66, 65. 132: B Gadd 68, 64. 133: F Fergus 64, 69; F Funk 66, 67; R Cochran 66, 67; M Heinen 65, 68; S Gump 69, 64; C Parry (Aus) 64, 69; H Sutton 67, 66. Retired: D Feherty (N Ire).

GYMNASTICS

SABAE, JAPAN: World championships: Men's individual all-around event: Final standings: 1, Li Xiaoshuang (China) 57.998pts (Floor 9.612, pommel horse 9.700, rings 9.662, vault 9.675, parallel bars 9.712, horizontal bar 9.637); 2, V Scherbo (Bela) 57.499 (9.650, 9.500, 9.375, 9.562, 9.700, 9.712); 3, E Chabaev (Rus) 57.245 (9.562, 9.600, 9.437, 9.425, 9.587, 9.637); 4, A Voropaev (Rus) 57.212; 5, V Belenki (Ger) 57.198; 6, Y Hatakeda (Japan) 56.999; 7, Y Chechi (It) 56.881; 8, Zhang Jinjing (China) 56.799; 9, Han Yoon-soo (S Kor) 56.762; 10, A Wecker (Ger) 56.612; 11, C Lenc (Rom) 56.562; 12, A Svetchnyi (Ukr) 56.536; 13, H Tanaka (Japan) 56.525; 14, D Nishikawa (Japan) 56.375; 15, P Casimir (Fr) 56.337; 16, Z Supola (Hun) 56.324; 17, R Charipov (Ukr) 56.312; 18, I Ivankov (Bela) 56.200; 19, V Chemerkin (Ukr) 56.162; 20, Rusnitsky (Bela) 56.150.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Old Loughtonians 4 Bournville 3; Canterbury 4 Surbiton 3; East Grinstead 3 Hounslow 1; Guildford 5 Trojans 0; Havant 0 Cannock 5; Indian Gymkhana 1 Reading 3; St Albans 1 Barford Tigers 2; Stourport 2 Southgate 7. Second division: Crostyx 2 Bromley 0; Doncaster 1 Brooklands 4; Edgbaston 2 City Of Portsmouth 3; Gloucester City 0 Bluebears 0; Harleston Magpies 2 Hampstead and Westminster 2; Isca 3 Bewston 4; Oxon and West Wales 2 Firebrands 1; Richmond 4 Sheffield 1. Postponed: Oxford University v Slough.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Ashford 1 Gore Court 0; Bournemouth 2 Fareham 3; Chichester 2 Wokingham 1; High Wycombe 1 Newbury 1; Lewes 5 Woking 0; Lions 1 Anchorians 1; Maidenhead 1 Beckenham 4; Old Watsonians 0 Old Kingstonians 3; Wimbledon 1 Spencer 3; Winchester 1 Oxford Hawks 2. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 4 Southampton 0; Camberley 1 Andover 2; Cheam 3 Old Cranleighans 1; Dulwich 1 Petersfield 1; Epsom 2 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 0; London University 1 Ormond 0; Old Edwardians 0 Basingstoke 2; Old Whitgiftians 4 Blandford 3; Purley 2 Oxshott 3. Postponed: Reeth v Walton and Weybridge. Kent/Sussex: Bexleyheath 0 Old Williamsonians 3; Bexley Invicta 0 Old Bordenians 2; Blackheath 2 Horsham 0; Bognor 2 Belvedere 2; Brighton 0 Old Holcombeians 3; Crawley 0 Margate Russels 3; Herne Bay 4 Middleton 0; Tulse Hill 2 Old Bordenians 1; Tunbridge Wells 2 Sevenoaks 1; Worthing 1 Mid Sussex 1. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 0 PHC Chiswick 2; Bracknell 3 Milton Keynes 1; City Of Oxford 6 Mill Hill 3; Eastcote 2 Hayes 0; ETESSA 0 Ramsgate 2; Harrow 1 HGC 0; Headington 7 NPL 3; Hendon 1 Marlow 3; Staines 4 OWT 1; Sunbury 3 Richings Park 0.

DTZ LEAGUE: Premier division: Sergeants 2 Nottingham 4; Bridgnorth 3 Khalsa 2; Hampton-in-Arden 0 Harborne 1; John Player 2 Loughborough Students 0; Norton Notts 2 Blowich 2.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE. First division: Bath Buccaneers 4 Taunton Vale 2; Bristol 3 Plymouth 2; Robinsons 5 Exeter University 3; Weston-super-Mare 2 Cheltenham 1. Postponed: Whitchurch v Swansea.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 2 Norton 0; Formby 5 Sheffield 2; Bankers 0 Harrogate 6; Halifax 3 Neston 3; Timperley 1 Southport 2; Warrington 3.

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier A: Bedford Town 1 Ipswich 2; Bishop's Stortford 0 Peterborough Town 2; Bury St Edmunds 1 Redbridge and Ilford 2; Cambridge City 0 Cambridge University 2; Chelmsford 2 Colchester 1. Premier B: Brentwood 1 Westcliff 1; Clacton 1 Sudbury 2; Dereham 2 Stevenage 0; Ipswich and East Suffolk 2 Luton Town 3; Norwich City 1 Old Southendian 0.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE. Premier division: Balsam Leicester 0 Slough 2; Constables' Strollers 1 Hightown 1; Clifton 1 Ipswich 0; Sutton Coldfield Ladies 2. First division: Canterbury 2 Exmouth 1; Chelmsford 0 Bradford 1; Trojans 0; Blackford Eastbourne 0; Wimbledon 0; Sunderland Bearers 2. Second division: Ealing 2 St Albans 2; Reading 0; Aldridge 1; Sherwood 2 Pelham 1; Woking 1 Loughborough 2.

WELSH LEAGUE: Cardiff Ath 0 Llanelli 0; Haverfordwest 2 Pontypridd 2; Newtown 1; Colwyn Bay 1 Swansea 3; Newport 0.

REGIONAL LEAGUES: East: Bexleyheath [illegible]. Midlands: Hampton 1 Bedford 2; [illegible] Pickwick 1 Cirencester [illegible]. North: Carlisle [illegible] Liverpool 1; Don Valley 0; [illegible] York 1 Sheffield 0. South: Canterbury 1 Southampton 0; [illegible] 1 Whitney 2 City of Portsmouth 2; Westminster Hill 3 Hendon 1. West: Redland 1 [illegible] St Austell 2 Leominster 0; [illegible] 2 Colwall.

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Women's Open championship: Singles (GB unless stated): Quarter-finals: P Lumley bt A Cockcroft 6-2, 6-2; S Haswell bt C Garnaut 6-2, 6-1; K Allen bt A Garis de [illegible] 6-4, 6-4; S Jones bt F Deucher (Australia) 6-2, 6-1. Semi-finals: Lumley bt Haswell 6-2, 6-1; Jones bt Allen 6-3, 6-5. Doubles: Quarter-finals: S Jones and A Garside bt C Sudmell and J Harnes 6-0, 6-0; [illegible] and K Allen bt F Syson and S Newcomb 6-2, 6-1.

ROWING

HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE (Hammersmith to Mortlake): Double Sculls. Men: A Pennington and Leander (Haming and Thompson) 11min 32.00. Senior two: Marlow (Lamming and Tout) 12.09. Junior: Durham and Poplar (Wright and Hunter) 11.52. Veteran: Thames and London Rowing (Bettell and Harvey) 12.05. Veteran Handicap: Tideway Scullers (Gramon and Harris) 12.21. Coxless pairs: Tideway Scullers and Molesey (Garret and Cross) 11.55. Senior One: Imperial College (Wall and Pune) 11.58. Senior two: Isis (Frost and Hall) 11.53. Junior: Royal Grammar School, Newcastle (Sanders and McElroy) 12.14. Veteran: Sons of the Thames (Alaton and Sons) 12.25. Veteran Handicap: Reading (Taylor and Coll) 12.56. Mixed: Thames Scullers and Henley (Rusell and Alpass) 12.03. Women: Thames (Barten and Barten) 13.02. Senior two: Thames (Bromless and Hall) 12.15. Veteran Handicap: Thames and Civil Service (Rainer and Dening) 13.29.

SCHOOLS SPORT

RUGBY UNION: Ashford 3 Pocklington 59; Bromsgrove 3 [illegible] Dartford 19; Bristol G S 43; Downside 3 [illegible]; Bromsgrove 30 Wrekin 13; Felsted 15 St Dunstan's 8; Cheltenham College 3 Chichester HS 23; Churcher's College [illegible]; Brecon 24 QEH Bristol 0; Dulwich 11 Wellington, Berks 8; Eltham 17 King's, Rochester 5; Exeter 65 St Boniface 0; Guildford RGS 13 Trinity, Croydon 19; Haileybury 12 Bedford Modern 16; Hampton 0 John Fisher 17; Hereford Cathedral 6 Dean Close 10; Hitchin 27 Bishop's Stortford 10; Hymer's 27 St Peter's, York 3; King Edward's, Bath 32 Kingswood 0; King Edward's, Camp Hill 61 Bablake 3; King's, Macclesfield 26 Manchester GS 3; King's, Wimbledon 15 King's, Canterbury 38; Loughborough 3 Warwick 25; Merchant Taylors, Northwood 29 St Albans 3; Mill Hill 3 Bedford 6; Millfield 20 Llandovery 14; Monkton Combe 6 Prior Park 3; Oakham 20 Rugby 3; Old Dunstonians 3 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 70; Plymouth 5 Monmouth 22; Ripley 39 Marlborough 0; Reigate 11 Wimbledon 19; RGS Wycombe 19 St Benedict's 14; St Edward's Oxford 33 Oundle 10; St George's, Weybridge 25 Douai 9; St John's, Southsea 41 Ryde 0; Sedbergh 39 Ampleforth 15; Sevenoaks 28 Duke of York's 3; Solihull 13 King's Worcester 10; Stamford 12 Trent 10; Stewart's Melville 15 Glenalmond 39; Stonyhurst 38 Mount St Mary's 9; Stowe 20 John Cleveland 13; Taunton 10 Bryanston 11; Tonbridge 17 Eastbourne 0; Uppingham 8 King Edward's, Birmingham 13; Wellington, Somerset 0 King's, Bruton 43; Whitgift 29 Brighton 0; Worksop 22 Nottingham HS 24; Worth 11 Christ's Hospital 9; Yarm 25 Newcastle 8.

FOOTBALL: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: South London 2 Hackney 2. Inter-county: Under-19: Lancashire 0 Cumbria 2. Under-16: Lancashire 6 Cumbria 1. Under-15: Lancashire 4 Cumbria 2. London Corinthian Shield: Under-15: Havering 2 Waltham Forest 1. Rangers Cup: Islington 1 Blackheath 0. London Sun Shield: Under-14: Newham 6 Lea Valley 0; Hackney 2 Basildon 1; Essex Welsh Shield: Under-13: Newham 5 Thurrock 1. Centenary matches: Under-15: Croydon 1 Reading 2. Under-14: Croydon 1 Reading 1. Goodhand Trophy: Under-15: Hull 0 Nottingham 2; South Notts 4 Grimsby 0. K W Blood Trophy: Under-14: Hull 1 Nottingham 6; South Notts 3 Grimsby 0. Dawes Trophy: Under-13: Hull 4 Nottingham 2; South Notts 2 Grimsby 0. Merseyside Trophy: Under-15: Kirkby, Knowsley 8 Mid Cheshire 1. Snowdon Cup: Under-14: Kirkby 1 Knowsley 2; Mid Cheshire 0. Vernon League: Bootle 1 Liverpool 8; Kirkby 1 Crosby 2; St Helens 2 Skelmersdale 3. Geerts Trophy: Mid Sussex 4 Ouse Valley 0. Inter-association: Under-15: Chester 5 Macclesfield 0; Luton 1 Wellingborough 1; Sheffield 1 Huddersfield 1; Wigan 6 St Helens 1. Under-14: Vale of White Horse 2 East Berks 2; Sefton 8 St Helens 2; Havering 1 North Kent 1; Luton 3 Wellingborough 3. Under-13: Luton 8 Wellingborough 0. Under-11: Hackney 5 Thurrock 1; Newham 5 Tower Hamlets 5. North-fleet Kent primary festivals: Bexley 1 Gravesham 0; Ashford 0 Maidstone 5; Medway 1 Dartford 0; Maidstone 1 Dartford 0; Medway 0 Gravesham 0; Bexley 4 Ashford 0; Ashford 0 Dartford 1; Bexley 5 Medway 0; Maidstone 3 Gravesham 1; Maidstone 1 Bexley 1; Gravesham 0 Dartford 2; Ashford 2 Medway 3; Ashford 0 Gravesham 0; Medway 1 Maidstone 1; Bexley 3 Dartford 2. Other match: Alleyn's 3 Winchester 5.

LACROSSE

LACROSSE: Berkhamsted: Hearts Junior School Tournament: Semi-finals: Haberdashers' Aske's (Elstree) 8 St Margarets (Bushey) 0; St George's (Harpenden) 4 Berkhamsted 3. Final: Haberdashers' 5 St George's 0. Sherborne: West Schools Rally: Cheltenham Ladies College 1 Haberdashers' Aske's (Monmouth) 2; Sherborne 3 Weston Bn 2. Final: Haberdashers' 5 Sherborne 1.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK, THAILAND: Classic tournament: Final: J Parrott (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng) 9-6. Frame scores (Parrott first): 21-55, 64-24, 71-20, 22-78, 76-51, 0-100, 53-50, 59-62, 117-1, 64-41, 79-59, 72-65, 4-91, 4-116, 60-17.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Cradley Heath 56 Eastbourne 39.

TENNIS

TOULOUSE: Men's indoor tournament: Semi-finals: A Boetsch (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-6, 6-4. Final: Boetsch bt Courier 6-4, 6-7, 6-0.

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: Final: M Rios (Chile) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 7-6, 6-2.

MELTON MOWBRAY: Reebok Tour Finals: Men: D Ireland (GB) bt G Henderson (GB) 6-4, 7-6. Women: J Pullin (GB) bt J Lutrova (Rus) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

NOTTINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite: Men: Final: R Koenig (SA) bt G Mandl (Austria) 6-1, 6-3. Women: Semi-finals: A Tordoff (GB) bt K Plaszek (Den) 6-2, 6-3; S Smith (GB) bt O Barabanschikova (Bela) 6-4, 6-2.

ZURICH: Women's indoor tournament: Final: I Majoli (Cro) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-4, 6-4.

GLASGOW: Maureen Connolly Trophy (Great Britain under-21 v United States under-21): Singles (GB names first): K Cross lost to K Sanderson 6-1, 6-0; L Jeffs lost to S Sweeprong 6-1, 6-0. Doubles: Cross and Jeffs bt T Green and F Taylor 6-1, 6-4. Match result: GB bt US 9-2.

TRIATHLON

HAWAII: Ironman world championship: Men: 1, M Allen (US) 8.20.34; 2, T Hellriegel (Ger) 8.22.59; 3, R Muller (Ger) 8.25.25; 22, P Hudson (GB) 9.01.47; 35, J Jenkinson (GBR) 9.09.40. Women: 1, K Smyers (US) 9.16.46; 2, I Mouthon (Fr) 9.25.13; 3, F Keller (Br) 9.27.48.

AUCKLAND: International World Cup: Men: 1, H Carter (NZ) 1hr 50min 48sec; 2, M Stewart (Aus) 1.51.04; 3, N Lierand (US) 1.51.54; 4, M Reed (Aus) 1.52.06; 5, T Fiddler (Aus) 1.52.16; 6, B Sanson (Fr) 1.52.41; 10, R Allen (GB) 1.54.15. Women: 1, J Hatfield (US) 2.07.09; 2, S Dolemar (Fr) 2.08.07; 3, H Hilgendt (NZ) 2.08.57; 4, A Keat (NZ) 2.10.33; 5, E Williamson (NZ) 2.11.18; 6, M Dalton (NZ) 2.12.06.

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol 30 Sale 6
Bristol: Tries: Corry, Wring. Con: Tainton. Pens: Tainton 5. Hull: Sale: Pens: Liley 2.

Harlequins 23 Saracens 15
Harlequins: Tries: Allison, O'Leary. Cons: Pears 2. Pens: Pears 2. Dropped goal: Pears. Saracens: Tries: Gregory, Lee. Con: Lee. Pen: Lee.

Orrell 21 Gloucester 3
Orrell: Tries: Mason, Smith. Con: Mason. Pen: Mason 2. Dropped goal: Johnson. Gloucester: Pen: T Smith.

Wasps 8 Bath 15
Wasps: Pen: Andrew. Dropped goal: Andrew. Bath: Tries: Adebayo 2. Con: Callard. Pen: Callard.

West Hartlepool 12 Leicester 19
West Hartlepool: Pens: Stimpson 4. Leicester: Tries: Cockerill, Garforth. Pens: Liley 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	5	5	0	0	141	61	10
Harlequins	5	5	0	0	140	87	10
Leicester	5	4	0	1	102	55	8
Wasps	5	3	0	2	122	84	6
Bristol	5	3	0	2	96	93	6
Orrell	5	2	0	3	71	89	4
Sale	5	1	0	4	84	100	2
Gloucester	5	1	0	4	72	125	2
Saracens	5	1	0	4	57	125	2
West Hartlepool	5	0	0	5	67	112	0

Second division

Bedford 17 Northampton 40
Bedford: Tries: Whetstone 2, Farr. Cons: Finnie. Northampton: Tries: Seely 2, Bell, Moir, Penalty, Townsend. Cons: Grayson 5. Pens: Grayson 3.

Blackheath 39 Newcastle G 19
Blackheath: Tries: Barham 2, Harslip 2, Griffiths, Ridgeway, L White. Cons: Howard 2. Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Fletcher. Con: Cramb. Pens: Cramb 4.

Nottingham 9 London Irish 22
Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson 3. London Irish: Try: Walsh. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Corcoran 5.

Wakefield 16 London Scottish 20
Wakefield: Try: Rushforth. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 3. London Scottish: Tries: Watson, Withers-Green, penalty try. Con: Steele. Pen: Steele.

Waterloo 22 Moseley 17
Waterloo: Try: Wright. Con: Emmett. Pens: Emmett 4. Dropped goal: Ryan. Moseley: Try: Corbett. Pens: Miles 3. Dropped goal: Houston.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	5	5	0	0	230	63	10
London Scottish	5	5	0	0	88	62	10
London Irish	5	3	0	2	159	117	6
Blackheath	5	3	0	2	115	96	6
Bedford	5	2	1	2	101	132	5
Wakefield	5	2	0	3	90	93	4
Waterloo	5	1	1	3	80	109	3
Newcastle G	5	1	0	4	80	128	2
Nottingham	5	1	0	4	80	130	2
Moseley	5	1	0	4	80	142	2

Pilkington Cup

Second round

Saturday

Basingstoke	19	Lewes	28
Birmingham	14	Worcester	19
Bridlington	50	Aspatria	10
Cheltenham	11	Weston-s-Mare	13
Clifton	11	Met Police	12
Gloucester OB	7	London Welsh	16
Harrogate	6	Fylde	23
Havant	17	Exeter	20
Henley	33	Hornets	8
Liverpool St H	15	Hull Ionians	8
Lydney	37	Harlow	7
Macclesfield	18	Morley	6
Netherall	7	Winnington Park	17
Northern	21	Stourbridge	22
Otley	16	Stoke	11
Plymouth	18	Camberley	39
Redruth	19	North Walsham	18
Rosslyn Park	14	Richmond	22
Rotherham	15	Coventry	24
Scunthorpe	18	Walsall	49
Stockton	8	Leeds	27
Tabard	28	Askeans	15
Westcombe Park	9	Reading	32

Yesterday

Rugby 49 Broad Street 17

TAMAR CUP: Cornwall 35 Devon 27 (at Redruth).

CLUB MATCHES: Bournemouth 30 High Wycombe 13; Hereford 28 Nuneaton 11; Kendal 13 Tynedale 9; Penzance 10 Camborne 31; Preston Grasshoppers 27 Bradford 20; Sheffield 31 Ribblesdale 0; Lichfield 50 Leighton Buzzard 12.

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon 16 Llanelli 39
Aberavon: Tries: D Davies, Grabham. Pens: D Davies 2. Llanelli: Tries: Proctor 2, Thomas 2, N Davies, Morris. Cons: Pearce 3. Pen: Pearce.

Abertillery 9 Ebbw Vale 16
Abertillery: Pens: Connors 3. Ebbw Vale: Tries: Llewelyn. Con: Hayward. Pen: Hayward. Dropped goals: Hayward 2.

Bridgend 12 Pontypridd 17
Bridgend: Pens: M Lewis 3. Dropped goal: M Lewis. Pontypridd: Try: S McIntosh. Pens: Jenkins 4.

Cardiff 67 Treorchy 3
Cardiff: Tries: Ford 2, Hill 2, V Davies, Humphreys, S John, Moore, Taylor. Cons: A Davies 8. Pens: A Davies 2. Treorchy: Pen: D Evans.

Newbridge 15 Swansea 10
Newbridge: Pens: Withers 4. Dropped goal: Withers. Swansea: Tries: Appleyard, Stuart Davies.

Newport 10 Neath 10
Newport: Try: R Rees. Con: G Rees. Pen: G Rees. Neath: Try: Higgs. Con: Beukes. Pen: Beukes.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts	T
Llanelli	5	4	0	1	203	59	28	10	18
Pontypridd	6	5	0	1	205	103	23	7	17
Cardiff	6	5	0	1	198	99	23	7	17
Bridgend	6	3	0	3	171	111	23	8	14
Swansea	5	3	0	2	158	102	23	6	12
Neath	5	3	1	1	97	49	14	4	11
Newport	6	4	1	1	117	93	11	2	11
Newbridge	6	3	0	3	92	120	11	2	8
Ebbw Vale	6	2	0	4	104	194	9	0	4
Abertillery	6	1	0	5	63	179	4	0	2
Aberavon	6	0	0	6	91	256	9	1	1
Treorchy	5	0	0	5	63	188	5	0	0

Second division

Caerphilly	23	Abercynon	0
Dunvant	26	Pontypool	10
Llandovery	23	Bonymaen	19
Maesteg	18	Ystradgynlais	7
S W Police	21	Cross Keys	20
Tenby Utd	31	Llanharan	15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts	T
Dunvant	6	5	0	1	147	63	21	6	16
Pontypool	6	5	0	1	149	84	20	5	15
Llandovery	6	5	0	1	94	80	7	0	10
Cross Keys	6	3	0	3	133	90	15	3	9
Abercynon	6	4	0	2	85	74	9	1	9
Bonymaen	6	3	0	3	123	104	11	2	8
Tenby Utd	6	3	0	3	103	129	10	2	8
Caerphilly	6	3	0	3	77	82	7	1	7
Maesteg	6	2	0	4	93	118	8	1	5
S W Police	6	1	0	5	77	142	9	1	3
Ystradgynlais	6	1	0	5	70	104	6	0	2
Llanharan	6	1	0	5	90	181	6	0	2

THIRD DIVISION: Blackwood 22 Cardiff Inst 3; Glamorgan Wndrs 3 Blaina 34; Kenfig Hill 3 Narberth 9; Mountain Ash 23 Builth Wells 9; Pyle 8 Penarth 8; Tondu 28 Tredegar 7.

Tennents Championship

First division

Hawick 20 Gala 10
Hawick: Try: Welsh. Pens: Welsh 5. Gala: Try: Swan. Con: D Changling. Pen: D Changling.

Heriots FP 21 Boroughmuir 30
Heriots FP: Tries: Lang, Officer. Cons: Aitken. Pens: Rahui 3. Boroughmuir: Tries: Beveridge, Stark. Cons: Easson. Pens: Easson 6.

Melrose 25 Stirling County 27
Melrose: Tries: G Parker, Shepherd, Turnbull. Con: G Parker. Pens: G Parker 2. Chalmers. Stirling County: Tries: Logan 2, Flockhart, penalty try. Cons: M McKenzie 2. Pens: M McKenzie.

Watsonians 23 Edinburgh Acads 31
Watsonians: Tries: Kerr 2, Te Whaiti. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 2. Edinburgh Acads: Tries: Battie, Burns, Day, Stewart, Waite. Cons: Hay-Smith 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	7	5	0	2	175	87	10
Watsonians	7	4	1	2	202	132	9
Boroughmuir	7	4	1	2	128	109	9
Stirling County	7	4	0	3	145	117	8
Edinburgh A	7	3	1	3	112	118	7
Hawick	7	3	0	4	120	144	6
Heriots FP	7	2	0	5	131	190	4
Gala	7	1	1	5	89	205	3

Second division

Glasgow H K	0	Selkirk	17
Jed-Forest	32	Currie	16
Stewarts Mel	17	Kelso	33
West of Scotland	21	Dundee HSFP	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Currie	7	6	0	1	192	131	12
Jed-Forest	7	5	0	2	163	91	10
Dundee HSFP	7	4	0	3	118	95	8
W of Scotland	7	4	0	3	149	132	8
Selkirk	7	3	0	4	111	129	6
Glasgow H K	7	2	0	5	176	102	4
Kelso	7	2	0	5	103	155	4
Stewarts Mel FP	7	2	0	5	82	258	4

Third division

Biggar	50	Corstorphine	13
Musselburgh	21	Kirkcaldy	18
Peebles	0	Glasgow Acads	32
Preston Lodge	29	Grangemouth	9

Fourth division

Ayr	12	Glasgow S	25
Kilmarnock	51	Haddington	5
Langholm	9	Gordonians	3
Wigtownshire	18	Edinburgh Wndrs	23

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Blackrock Col	13	Cork Constitution	23
Instonians	9	Lansdowne	24
Old Belvedere	11	Garryowen	12
St Mary's College	12	Old Wesley	9
Young Munster	12	Shannon	8

Second division

Dolphin	20	Sunday's Well	44
Malone	24	Dungannon	25
NIFC	19	Greystones	23
Old Crescent	20	Bective Rangers	9
Terenure Coll	17	Wanderers	8



Pio Nakubuwai, the Fiji rugby league forward, is brought to a halt during his side's 52-6 trouncing of South Africa in the World Cup match at Keighley yesterday. Report, page 23. Photograph: Andrew Varley

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup

Group one

England 20 Australia 16
England: Tries: Farrell, Joynt, Newlove. Robinson. Goals: Farrell 2. Australia: Tries: Menzies 2, Coyne. Goals: Wishart 2. Att: 41,271
(at Wembley)

Fiji 52 South Africa 6
Fiji: Tries: Seru 2, Sovatabua 2, Dakuitoga, Marayawa, Nadruku, Naisoro, Sagaitu, Taga. Goals: Nayacakalou 3, Taga 3. South Africa. Goals: Van Wyke 3. Att: 4,845
(at Keighley)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiji	1	1	0	0	52	6	2
England	1	1	0	0	20	16	2
Australia	1	0	0	1	16	20	0
South Africa	1	0	0	1	6	52	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley Hill 14 Lock Lane 19; Hemel Hempstead 19 Egremont 10; Millom 0 Saddleworth 24.

ICE HOCKEY

TILBURG, HOLLAND: European Cup: Sheffield 4 Tilburg 1; Sheffield 3 Olympia Hertz 5.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 8 Milton Keynes 3; Fife 5 Durham 9; Nottingham 9 Humberside 6; Slough 2 Cardiff 10. First division: Blackburn 7 Peterborough 4; Bracknell 14 Solihull 2; Manchester 18 Billingham 1; Murrayfield 4 Chelmsford 9; Paisley 3 Guildford 5; Swindon 6 Dumfries 9; Telford 10 Medway 4.

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Hulmeians 3 Cheadle 15; Old Waconians 9 Boardman and Eccles 10; Stockport 7 Heaton Mersey 13; Poynton 3 Mellor 7; Sheffield Steelers 7 Cheadle Hulme 7. First division: Cheadle A 6 Moorthorpe 11; Rochdale 4 Ashton 4; Heaton Mersey Guild 8 Stopfordians 9; Heaton Mersey A 11 Old Waconians A 8.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Vauxhall Conference
Dag and Red v Stevenage (7.45)
Kidderminster v Telford (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Guiseley v Bishop Auckland; Hyde v Knowsley (at Droylsden). First division: *Ashton United v Atherton L.R.*; Great Harwood v Netherfield.

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: *Birmingham C Res v Derby (7.00)*; Wolverhampton v Leeds (7.00). Second division: Port Vale v Middlesbrough (7.00); Preston v York (7.00).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: *Swindon v Wimbledon (at Witney Town F.C., 2.00)*; Tottenham v Millwall (at St. Albans F.C.). League Cup: Cheltenham v Newport Res.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION CHALLENGE BOWL: Nuneaton v Rushden and Diamonds.

OTHER MATCH: Grays v West Ham.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup
Group three
Wales v France
(at Ninian Park, Cardiff, 8.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European super-featherweight championship: Vincenzo Belcastro (It, holder) v Richie Wenton (Liverpool) (Monte Carlo).

RACING: Leicester (2.0); Sedgefield (2.15).

SPEEDWAY: (7.30 start unless stated): British Academy Grand Prix (Exeter). *Individual: Midland Open reserve riders' championship (Wolverhampton).*

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Ireland v Latvia (at Terryland Park, Galway). Group seven: Wales v Germany (at National Stadium, Cardiff).

UNDER-21 MATCH: Norway v England (at Stavanger Stadium, 6.0).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: First round: Southern section: Wycombe v Fulham (7.45).

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Woking (7.45); Bromsgrove v Hednesford (7.45); Macclesfield v Morecambe (7.45); Stalybridge v Gateshead (7.45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: Australia v South Africa (at Gateshead Int Std, 8.15). Group two: Papua New Guinea v Tonga (at Boulevard, Hull, 8.15)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Ystradgynlais (7.0); Cross Keys v Crumlin (7.0); Oxford University v Bedford (7.30); Pontypridd v Pontypool (7.0); Cambridge University v Rosslyn Park (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Chepstow (2.15), Leicester (2.0)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Arena Essex (7.45).

TENNIS: *Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham).*

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Norway v England (at Ullevaal Stadium, Oslo, 6.15). Sweden v Scotland (at Rasunda Stadium, Stockholm, 7.0).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland (at National Stadium, Vaduz, 3.0); Republic of Ireland v Latvia (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin). Group seven: Wales v Germany (at National Stadium, Cardiff).

ANGLO ITALIAN CUP: Group A: Genoa v Luton (8.30); Oldham v Cesena (7.45), Perugia v Birmingham (8.30), Port Vale v Ancona (7.45). Group B: Brescia v Ipswich (8.30); Reggiana v Southend (3.00); Stoke v Salernitana (7.45); West Brom v Foggia (7.45)

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: England v Fiji (at Wigan, 7.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Harlequins v Exeter University (7.30); Newcastle Gosforth v Durham University (7.30). Nottingham v Loughborough University (7.15); Rugby v H M Prisons (7.30); Saracens v Brunel *University (Imber Court, 7.30).*

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's European championship: England v Estonia (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 8.0).

RACING: Haydock Park (2.0), Exeter (2.10), Wetherby (2.20).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 start unless stated): Premier League: Hull v Peterborough. *Revenge Challenge: Poole v Swindon.* Challenge: Long Eaton v Cradley Heath v Wolverhampton.

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham)

THURSDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group three: France v Western Samoa (at Ninian Park, Cardiff, 8.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth).

RACING: Newmarket (1.30), Redcar (1.45); Taunton (2.15)

SPEEDWAY (7.30 start unless stated): *Premier League: Ipswich v Poole. Middlesbrough v Belle Vue; Sheffield v Bradford* (7.45).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham).

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group two: New Zealand v Papua New Guinea (at St Helens, 8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Doncaster (7.30), Leopards v Derby (7.15)

BOXING: *British bantamweight championship: Drew Docherty (Scot, holder) v James Murray (Scot) (Hospitality Inn, Glasgow).*

CYCLING: Superdrome two track meeting (Manchester).

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth)

RACING: Catterick Bridge (2.15), Newmarket (1.30); Ludlow (1.50)

SPEEDWAY (7.30 start unless stated). Premier League: Arena Essex v Poole (8.0). Oxford v Edinburgh (7.45), Peterborough v Wolverhampton. Challenge: Belle Vue v Long Eaton.

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v *Chelsea*, Blackburn v Southampton; Bolton v Everton; Leeds v Arsenal, Liverpool v Coventry, Manchester United v Manchester City, Queens Park Rangers v Newcastle; Tottenham v Nottingham Forest.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Ipswich; Grimsby v Oldham; Leicester v Charlton, Luton v West Bromwich, Millwall v Tranmere, Norwich v Barnsley; Portsmouth v Birmingham, Reading v Huddersfield; Southend v Sheffield United; Sunderland v Watford; Wolverhampton v Stoke. Second division: Blackpool v *Chesterfield*, *Bournemouth v Burnley*; Bradford v Bristol Rovers; Brighton v Swindon; Bristol City v Hull, Crewe v Carlisle; Notts County v Rotherham, Peterborough v Swansea; Shrewsbury v York, Stockport v Brentford; Wrexham v Oxford United; Wycombe v Walsall. Third division: Cardiff v Barnet, Darlington v Gillingham, Doncaster v *Hereford*, Exeter v Wigan; Fulham v Bury; Hartlepool v Scunthorpe, Leyton Orient v Chester; Mansfield v *Plymouth*; *Northampton v Cambridge United*; Rochdale v Colchester; Scarborough v Lincoln; Torquay v Preston.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Hednesford; Bromsgrove v Farnborough; Dover v Runcorn, Gateshead v Dagenham and Red, Halifax v Stevenage, Morecambe v Kettering, Northwich v Kidderminster. Slough v Macclesfield, Southport v Telford. Stalybridge v Welling, Woking v Altrincham.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Hibernian, Falkirk v Kilmarnock; Hearts v Raith. Motherwell v Aberdeen; Partick v Rangers. First division: Airdrie v Clydebank; Dundee United v St Johnstone, Dunfermline v Dundee, Greenock Morton v Hamilton, St Mirren v Dumbarton. Second division: Ayr v Stenhousemuir, East Fife v Clyde, Montrose v Berwick; Stirling v Queen Of South. Stranraer v Forfar. Third division: Albion v East Stirling; Alloa v Ross County, Arbroath v Queen's Park, Caley This v Cowdenbeath, Livingston v Brechin.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bath v Bristol; Gloucester v Wasps, Leicester v Orrell, Sale v Harlequins (2.15). Saracens v West Hartlepool (2.30). Second division: London Irish v Wakefield, London Scottish v Bedford, Moseley v Nottingham, Newcastle Gosforth v Waterloo, Northampton v Blackheath. Third division: Coventry v Rosslyn Park; Harrogate v Fylde, Otley v Rotherham, Reading v Morley, Rugby v Richmond, Fourth division: Aspatria v Exeter (2.30), Clifton v Leeds; Havant v Liverpool St Helens; Plymouth v Walsall; Redruth v London Welsh.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Ebbw Vale v Cardiff (2.30); Llanelli v Newbridge (2.30), Neath v Bridgend (2.30); Pontypridd v Abertillery (2.30); Swansea v Newport (2.30), Treorchy v Aberavon (2.30). Second division: Abercynon v South Wales Police (2.30), Bonymaen v Dunvant (2.30); Cross Keys v Llandovery (2.30). Llanharan v Maesteg (2.30). *Pontypool v Tenby Utd (2.30)*. Ystradgynlais v Caerphilly (2.30)

TENNENTS CHAMPIONSHIP. First division: Edinburgh Acads v Boroughmuir. Hawick v Stirling County. Melrose v Heriots FP. Watsonians v Gala. *Second division:* Glasgow H K v Jed-Forest, Kelso v Currie; Stewarts Mel FP v Dundee HSFP. West of Scotland v Selkirk.

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Cork Constitution v Instonians (2.30); Garryowen v Ballymena (2.30); Old Belvedere v Young Munster (2.30); *Shannon v Blackrock College (2.30)*. Second division: Bective Rangers v Dolphin (2.30), Dungannon v Old Crescent (2.30), Greystones v Clontarf (2.30). Sunday's Well v Terenure Coll (2.30), Wanderers v NIFC (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: Australia v Fiji (at Huddersfield, 2.0). England v South Africa (at Headingley, 7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Leicester (7.30). Thames Valley v Newcastle (8.0). 7UP Trophy: Hemel v Worthing (7.30).

CYCLING: Superdrome two track meeting (Manchester).

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth).

RACING: Catterick Bridge (2.05); Newmarket (1.45); Wolverhampton (all-weather 7.0), Kelso (2.0). *Kempton Park* (2.15). Stratford (2.25)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League riders championship (Swindon, 7.0).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough (4.0).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Port Vale v Crystal Palace (2.55).

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group three Wales v *Western Samoa* (Swansea, 6.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Bupa Great Midland Run (Coventry).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sheffield v Chester (6.15)

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth).

MOTOR SPORT: Formula Three championship (Thruxton)

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Bristol's forward thinking accounts for Sale

Bristol 30
Sale 6

BY ALISON KERVIN

THERE is a rugby maxim which explains the relative roles of the forwards and the backs. It says: "The forwards decide whether a game is won or lost, and the backs decide by how many points."

The authors of this pronouncement would have been quietly reaching for their Tipp-Ex on Saturday had they seen the Bristol forwards win a turgid match against Sale, with limited assistance from their backs.

Bristol's forwards dominated Sale, working hard to provide plenty of ball which their backs seemed unable to use. If rumours are true that Sir John Hall is looking towards Bristol to fill the pack at his Newcastle super-club, he will be delighted with this performance. You can almost hear him filling his ink-pen, flicking open his cheque book and offering the forwards the chance to play with try-scoring backs.

Wet and windy conditions admittedly mitigated against a dynamic handling game, and the Bristol internationals, Bracken and Hull, did have their moments, but nevertheless the Bristol forwards, in particular Corry, Archers and Sharp, must feel some frustration at the backs' continual inability to convert the possession into pressure and points.

Sale's downfall came because they struggled up front. They were particularly weakened by the loss of four first-team players, the ramifications of which saw them having to pit prop Yates against the Scotland international, Sharp, on only his second first-team appearance. Yates was outclassed. Jim Mallinder, the captain, defended well in the first half and the player-coach, Paul Turner, looked useful when he had possession, but, sadly, meetings between his hands and the ball were much too rare for him to execute any influence on the game.

Sale were in the driving seat for the first quarter, taking a 6-0 lead thanks to two penalties from Liley, but the first half soon developed into a battle of kicks, with Bristol going into the break 12-6 up.

The home side had their first try-scoring opportunity in the 52nd minute when the impressive Corry charged over from a maul. With the taste of victory still on their lips, Bristol ran in a second try a minute later after Tainton chipped forward for Wring to score. Tainton's penalty count mounted up to five as Sale made last-ditch attempts to salvage something from the match.

The result leaves Bristol nestling beneath the leading group of four in the first division. If they are to break into this pack, it seems their backs have some lessons to learn from their forwards.

SCORERS, Bristol: Tries: Corry Wring Conversion: Tainton Penalty goals: Tainton (5), Hull Sale. Penalty goals: Liley (2).

BRISTOL: P Hull, P Meggs, J Hayter, D Wring, M Denney, M Tainton, K Bracken, A Sharp, M Regan, C Hitchins, R Armstrong, S Shaw, G Archers, M Corry, C Barrow. Armstrong replaced by C Moore (43min).

SALE: R Liley, J Hallmarker, S Higginbottom, J Baxendell, C Yates, P Turner, C Sauermann, M Fairclough, S Diamond, A Yates, D C Grady, D Baldwin, J Fowler, A MacFarlane, N Ashurst.

Referee, P McDowell (IRFU).

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Bath capitalise on Wasps stand-off's poor display to stay at head of affairs



White, the Wasps flanker, gets to the loose ball ahead of Adebayo, the scorer of Bath's two tries, in the Courage Clubs Championship match at Sudbury. Photographs: Ian Stewart

Andrew's unhappy day ends in injury

Wasps 6
Bath 15

BY BRYAN STILES

AS Rob Andrew was having 14 stitches inserted in his injured head after enduring probably one of the worst games of his career, Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, was offering some words of comfort at Sudbury on Saturday.

After such a dispiriting performance — Andrew missed with six penalty attempts and two dropped goals, had numerous kicks charged down and generally looked extremely leaden-footed — reporters were pressing Smith to reveal whether England's most capped stand-off half may have played his final game for Wasps.

At the beginning of the week, Andrew had taken up his new post with Newcastle and the inference behind the questioning was that this poor display would result in the introduction of the players who will be drafted in when Andrew opts to play for Newcastle after the mandatory 120-day qualification period.

"Rob is a world-class player who just had an off-day," was Smith's assessment. "The half-back pair cannot be moved on some sort of rota system like wings or centres. They are the ones who run the game."

In the match programme Smith went further, emphasising that Andrew will be available until January 6, adding: "We will all be sad when he goes."

So Andrew can relax — there is unlikely to be a quick call-up for the other Wasps stand-offs waiting in the wings.

Andrew, so often England's saviour, needs to be continually sharpening his skills in the Wasps first team and displays like this could cost him his place in the national side against South Africa on November 18. His move to Newcastle has upset his kicking practice, but he is sticking to his routine of travelling down to Sudbury for the Tuesday and Thursday training sessions with Wasps. Once his injuries have cleared up, he will be hoping to demonstrate that his performance on Saturday was a one-match aberration.

Another England player who has been causing his club some anguish is Victor Ubogu, the Bath prop. He was dropped for this depressingly poor match and he is unlikely to make a quick return.



Andrew: injured and out of sorts

John Hall, the Bath team manager, feels it will take Ubogu several weeks before he can achieve the necessary fitness level. "We want him to compete for 40 minutes in a half, not just 30," Hall said. It is a situation that could well cost the prop a place against South Africa.

One player who did enhance his international prospects was Damian Hopley, who ran and linked well, made one splendid weaving thrust into the Bath defence and tackled like a demon. Would that the rest of the players on the field had his skills. The game was spoilt by poor passing, dropped passes, fumbles, bad decision-making and inaccurate kicking. It was hardly the stirring stuff of a new era of professional entertainment.

At least Hall was honest. "We were totally inept in the first half," he said. "We want to win in style, but we fumbled, threw down their line in the lineout and our scrum looked a little rocky at times. A lot of our lads are living in the comfort zone and we are going to have to get them out of it in the training sessions."

Victory kept Bath at the head of the Courage Clubs Championship table and was achieved with the kicking of Callard and two smoothly taken second-half tries by Adedayo Adebayo. Wasps' points came from a penalty and a dropped goal from Andrew, whose mouth and forehead were gashed in the penultimate minute when he was caught by Clarke's knee.

SCORERS: Wasps: Dropped goal: Andrew. Penalty goal: Andrew. Bath: Tries: Adebayo (2). Conversion: Callard. Penalty goal: Callard.

WASPS: J Ufton; P Hopley, D Hopley, A James, S Roiser, R Andrew, S Bates; N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dunston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, D Ryan, M White, P Scrivener. Andrew replaced by A Gomersall (36min). Gomersall temporary replacement for James.

BATH: J Callard; A Lumsden, P De Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo; M Catt, A Nicol; K Yates, G Dawe, D Hilton, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, S Ojomoh, B Clarke.

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

Gloucester lack heart to make up for lost flair

Orrell 21
Gloucester 3

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SHOULD one laugh or cry for Gloucester? Laugh at the sheer ineptitude of their display at Edgehall Road on Saturday, or cry for the lost playing traditions of a great club? Or, in the wider context, wonder that so many first division clubs in England should prove so incapable of offering attractive fare just when rugby league is laying out its stall?

One glimpse of the drawn faces of the Gloucester management told the story: "It's the 500 people who followed us up here I feel sorry for," John Fidler, once part of a formidable Gloucester pack and now the team secretary, said. Flushed with the comparative success — defeat by 13 points a success? — of holding their own a week earlier against Leicester, the league champions, Gloucester lacked everything. Passion, skill, organisation.

Not that Orrell were much better for an hour, by which time the best efforts of both clubs had produced a 3-3 scoreline. The worrying aspect for the national selectors, of course, is that half the first division is not functioning effectively.

The result is games like this one in the Courage Clubs Championship on Saturday, when players were visibly learning basic skills on the hoof. Mike Slemen, who was at his last match as Orrell's assistant coach before taking to his travels as the new England selector, has been concentrating in training on individual skills, but he, like many of the crowd, was pained by the inability of both back divisions to put the ball in front of the supporting player.

Orrell acknowledge that the first division is now split in two: Bristol struggle to join the top four of Bath, Harlequins, Leicester and Wasps, leaving the three northern clubs, Saracens and Gloucester in the dogfight below. It was some consolation for Orrell that their four rivals lost on Saturday, lifting them two places up the table.

Against that is the decline of a pack once feared throughout the land: their set scrum did push Gloucester yet they lost two heels against the head and they now have two locks with shoulder dislocations. Brierley was damaged in training and Cusani was caught off balance in a tackle on Saturday. Ironically, Bibby, up against West (the recipient of a yellow card for stamping) and Sims, the twin lineout towers of Gloucester, fared better the longer the match went on.

They do, too, have the careless confidence of youth to sustain them in times of trouble. Simon Mason is a distinct acquisition at full back: he is confident under the high ball, has an eye for attack and is a reliable goalkicker who has scored 53 of Orrell's 71 league points this season.

His friendship with Healey, the sprightly scrum half, and Naylor took him to Lancashire and his Irish grandparents qualified him for an Ireland Under-21 cap last season, though Slemen hopes he is not irrevocably committed elsewhere.

His try, the result of a deft midfield switch with Naylor, was the icing on Orrell's cake. For 52 minutes the scoreboard went untroubled. Gloucester's inability to retain possession matched only by Orrell's failure to string passes together. It was typical of the match that Mason's first penalty, from halfway, came from an unnecessary offside when Roberts and Raymond crossed their lines of communication.

While Glanville continued to make headway and Tim Smith levelled the scores, after three failures by Kimber — which, if successful, would have meant much to his colleagues — Gloucester were in with a chance. But Johnson's pass from a crowded midfield gave Smith, an England colt last season, a try at the corner and Orrell acquired a fresh spring to their stride.

Gloucester did not have the heart to match it. In the old days, when all else was lost, Gloucester teams could be relied upon to battle to the last drop, to contest every ball, but here their efforts trickled away to nothing. A week earlier, they flattered to deceive their new director of rugby, Richard Hill; now, even allowing for the absence of three injured midfield players and last season's inspiration, Mark Mapletoft, Hill knows exactly the size of his task.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Smith, Mason. Conversion: Mason Penalty goal: Mason (2). Dropped goal: Johnson. Gloucester: Penalty goal: T Smith.

ORRELL: S Mason; J Naylor, I Wynn, P Johnson, G Smith; P Hamer, A Healey; P Winstanley, M Scott, P Mitchell, J Huxley, C Cusani, C Cooper, P Manley, S Bibby. Cusani replaced by S Hayter (43min); Scott replaced by K Fenton (63).

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, M Roberts, L Osborne, M Kimber, B Fenley; A Powles, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, I Smith, C Raymond.

Referee: C Muir (Langholm).

Pears shows Rowell he has key to unlock opposition

Harlequins 23
Saracens 15

BY PETER BILLS

A SINGLE pass which alone wins an English first division match but perhaps also influences the formation of the England international team, needs, inevitably, to be fairly spectacular. The one thrown by the Harlequins stand-off half, David Pears, four minutes from the end of this largely disappointing Courage Clubs Championship match was good enough to have repercussions throughout this season.

Pears despatched the ball 20 yards across the field on a long, flat, precise trajectory to the oncoming Staples. It fairly thumped into the full back's chest, allowing the Irishman to punch an enormous hole in the Saracens' midfield defence. The task Staples then handed right-wing O'Leary was elementary for the try that won the game.

Exactly why Pears's pass could be so valuable was because the England manager, Jack Rowell, was sitting in the stand at The Stoop. Rowell has long searched for a stand-off with the vision and precision to unlock the modern defence while keeping the ball in hand. Pears's exquisite demonstration of the art could hardly have come at a more propitious moment for the player.

The debate as to whether England will retain Rob Andrew in the No 10 shirt this winter or choose Pears is coming inexorably to the boil. Not everything the Harlequins player did on Saturday oozed international class — a return of two penalty goals from five attempts was a reminder of the potential cost of replacing Andrew, even though the incumbent's form for Wasps against Bath was equally modest.

But the manner in which Pears instigated Harlequins's winning score emphasised his ability in launching a back line, a tactic Rowell is determined to see used by the England team this winter.

Rowell welcomed the growing authority and confidence displayed by Pears. "He is a gifted footballer and certainly at No 10 England need cover for Rob and someone to push for the place. It is very encouraging that David is lasting the pace and is showing again his talent. A No 10 should run the entire game and David is giving direction to the Harlequins play. He is making a big difference."

Pears and Harlequins missed the authority and class of Carling in their midfield. There was endless effort but others who might have seized the opportunity to impress Rowell, notably Jenkins and Sheasby, missed their chance. Hill and Diprose in the Saracens back row were much more effective.

Saracens, given the lead for the second time after the interval by Lee's try eight minutes from the end, lacked a playmaker to guide them home on a day when Harlequins were well below their best.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Allison, O'Leary. Conversions: Pears (2). Penalty goals: Pears (2). Dropped goal: Pears. Saracens: Tries: Gregory, Lee. Conversion: Lee. Penalty goal: Lee.

HARLEQUINS: J Staples; D O'Leary, P Mensah, W Greenwood, B Bromley, D Pears, R Kitchin; S Brown, B Moore, A Mullins, G Allison, A Snow, M Watson, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.

SARACENS: A Tunningley; M Gregory, D Dooley, S Ravenscroft, P Harries; A Lee, B Dawes; R Andrews, C Olney, G Holmes, J Green, M Langley, M Burrow, R Hill, A Diprose. Dooley replaced by T Ellis (68min); Davies replaced by D Phillips (77).

Referee: A Lewis (IRFU).

Newport's promise dries up

Newport 10
Neath 10

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE fine weather had gone. The rain had come. And with the conditions so dramatically wet, the opportunities for scoring tries, once so abundant, had, for the time being, dried up — so to speak.

It was not the lack of tries that disappointed at Rodney Parade, however. Rather it was the failure of promise in other respects. On a pitch made difficult by so much surface water there was nonetheless a promisingly positive approach by both teams, but it came to little. The slippery ball got the better of them. Too many knock-ons indicated that their skills did not match the conditions.

They were over-ambitious, too: particularly Newport who, knowing that Rees had tremendous speed on the wing, tried to get the ball to him whenever they could.

Having learnt from the way New Zealand chose to release Jonah Lomu, Newport worked to give Rees his chances. This is laudable enough. But lobbing a high ball and missing a couple of players is not the way to do it. Waiting for the ball and the tackle to arrive at the same time is somewhat inhibiting. Just as it is to scramble for the ball skidding at the feet. Accuracy and timing is the key. There was too much desperation and not enough calculation here.

However, there was enough to enjoy from two teams likely to cause a few headaches to those who fancy themselves this season. Newport look as if they are beginning to repair a reputation which has gone astray in the past half-dozen years.

The sight of Voyle rampaging down the middle for 50 metres and his diligent work elsewhere suggests he could be a force to reckon with, as is Workman, living up to his name, next to him.

Neath, while looking uncertain in the threequarter and half back divisions can, as ever, present a threatening forward force. Both Llewellyn brothers look comfortable with a ball in their hands in the open, while they were also able to nullify Moseley and Jones in the home team's lineout. With a tall back row they can guarantee a fair share of possession.

But these individual performances did not quite add up to a team performance, so the promise was never fulfilled.

In the first minute, the visitors took advantage of Voyle's dropped pass in midfield near his own ten-metre line. They latched on to it and Higgs raced to score a try in the corner. Beukes converted. Typically, Newport's try came from a mistake, too.

Bowling failed to gather Hewlett's speculative kick to the line. Thorburn recovered it but his kick was charged down and Richard Rees won the touchdown. His namesake Gareth converted it. Beukes and Rees exchanged penalties in the second half.

SCORERS: Newport: Try: R Rees. Conversion: G Rees. Penalty goal: G Rees. Neath: Try: C Higgs. Conversion: C Beukes. Penalty goal: C Beukes.

NEWPORT: M Yendle, R Rees, D Haynes, S Webley, A Arentsen, G Rees, J Hewlett; S Durgan, P Young, S Crank, M Voyle, N Jones, K Moseley, D Gray, M Workman. Young replaced by A Peacock (50min).

NEATH: P Thorburn, C Higgs, H Woodland, J Funnell, S Bowling; C Beukes, C Macdonald, L Gerard, B Williams, J Davies, J Burnell, Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, C Wyatt, S Williams.

Referee: G Crothers (IRFU).

French pair help Natal to cup final

NATAL, aided by the two French internationals, Olivier Roumat and Thierry Lacroix, will contest the Currie Cup final against Western Province at King's Park in Durban next Saturday (David Hands writes). Natal went to the top of the table by beating Eastern Province 35-6 in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

Auckland, who reclaimed the Ranfurly Shield last month, may end New Zealand's season with the provincial championship, too. They will play Otago on their own ground next Sunday after a ruthless 60-26 defeat of North Harbour on Saturday.

Even with Jonah Lomu, Counties could not make their way past Otago in the second semi-final yesterday. Junior Paramore was sent off, leaving doubt as to whether the Western Samoa flanker will be able to take his place on the tour of Scotland and England next month.

Richmond eject neighbours

Rosslyn Park 14
Richmond 22

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

FOR the sixth consecutive season, Rosslyn Park's interest in the Pilkington Cup was terminated by the unneighbourly deeds of a fellow London club: this term, quite emphatically, by Richmond, the form team of the national third division and probably better than most in the second, at Roehampton on Saturday.

Only three weeks before, Park stretched Richmond in a Courage league match before going down 16-11 on the same turf, but the visitors were far more punishing on this occasion, controlling the tempo. With four tries to Park's one, they deservedly took their place in the draw for the third round at lunchtime today.

The turnaround in Richmond's fortunes this year has been outstanding. As 1994 wound down, they had lost all eight of their league matches yet were adamant that few of the scorelines — of which five had them in deficit by seven points or less — reflected their skills. Bravado, perhaps, but those were their thoughts on the train journey to Exeter on January 7, since when they have not looked back. Fourteen league matches have produced ten wins and a draw, including a perfect start to this season, in which time 12 players have collected 37 tries between them.

Supplement that with John Gregory's relentless accumulation of 163 points (in addition to his try) with the boot, and, most important, a settled line-up, and their successful formula is self-explanatory.

Against Park, their tries were shared between the backs and the back row, but it was the tireless work of the five tight forwards that contributed most to the outcome. Only in the last quarter, did Langton and Campbell-Lamerton reach anywhere near parity with Sage and Carr in the lineout. Cuthbert struck twice against Brearley's head to give the former Durham University man a club debut to forget, while Foster and Yeldham looked as comfortable with the ball in their hands as they did with the series of morale sapping, unprop-like tackles.

On the positive side for Park, Milward led by example from No 8 and King's place-kicking far overshadowed Gregory's miserable afternoon, but it was that latter component — only one success from six attempts — that kept the game numerically interesting throughout. The hosts appeared to acknowledge as much when they took three kicks at goal, two of which were fruitful, in the last ten minutes when tries were needed to close a 14-point gap.

Last season, Richmond reached the last 16 before Northampton brought their cup run to a halt. They are good enough to be there again come January.

SCORERS: Rosslyn Park: Try: Langton; Penalty goals: King (3). Richmond: Tries: Dale-Savins, Rotter, Boyd, Fitzgerald. Conversion: Gregory.

ROSSLYN PARK: A Holder; T Smither, E Dickenson, T Miller, D Rose, A King, J Rotter, D Parrett, R Brearley, D Vea, R Stretford, T Langton, I Campbell-Lamerton, A Vander, A Millward, A Myatt. Langton temporary replacement for Dickenson.

RICHMOND: J Gregory; J Kottler, D Elliot, M Hutton, D Luger, A Boyd, B Short, J Foster, A Cuthbert, M Yeldham, M Fitzgerald, G Sage, P Carr, P Dale-Savins, T Benson, A Chicken. Langton temporary replacement for Elliot.

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Jennai Cox reports on the sport of orienteering — a tortuous form of treasure hunting without the treasure

Running to catch the 8.15 while doing a crossword

The British are very good at leaving the house late, running to catch the 8.15 and taking short cuts across people's gardens. Add to this doing a crossword puzzle as they go and you have orienteering, as described by its British founder 30 years ago. It is now a sport in which our national champions lie second in the world, after Sweden.

Variously described as "cunning running", "thought sport" and "a car rally on foot", it appeals to the eccentric British psyche. Only a warped sense of adventure sends you to remote, rural locations each weekend to collect a map and navigate your way round fixed points in the quickest time possible. Almost 22,000 people in this country now do this every year.

The British countryside lends itself beautifully to a sport which was originally designed by a Swedish athletics coach in 1918 to make fitness training more interesting. It was imported and developed here in the early 1960s by John Disley and Chris Brasher, former organisers of the London Marathon. Competitors require the energy for a cross-country run, the stamina to negotiate a 100-metre climb up the steepest of gradients, and the mental agility to match an unfamiliar map with new surroundings.

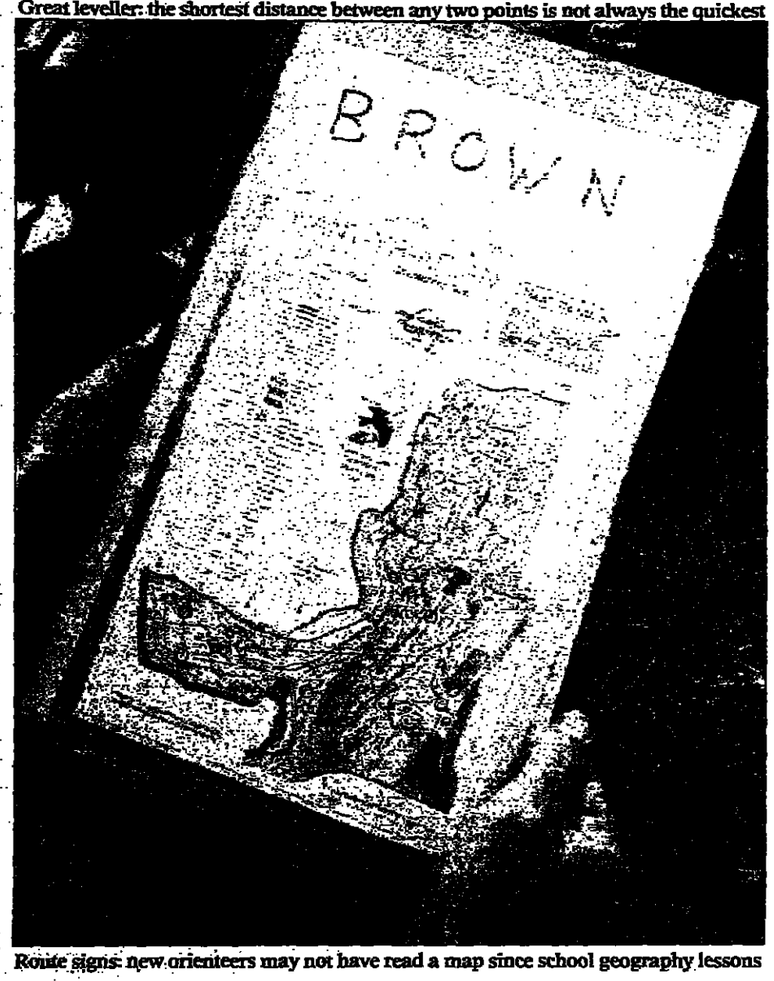
At any of the 1,800 events held in Britain each year newcomers are as welcome as professionals. Once registered with the event organisers and supplied with a start time and map, orienteers set off at two-minute intervals. A whistle marks the start but the runners must stop within the first ten yards to copy down the "control points" which are marked on a map like their own and pinned to a board.

Usually marked out by flags, the control points are numbered and have to be located in order. Orienteers are supposed to use their map-reading skill to decide the quickest, rarely the shortest, route to each one. This would be impossible without being able to distinguish a contour line from that marking out a stream and competitive orienteers are as good at map reading as they are at running. Marking a numbered card with the hole punch at each control proves that they were all visited. Each punch has a different pattern, so no short cuts there either.

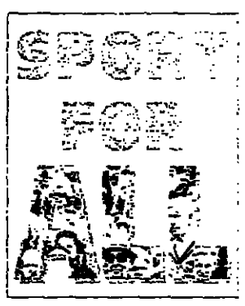
Competitive orienteers take their sport very seriously. There is even a special dress code resembling a mix between a football kit (spiky boots and thick socks) and a long-trousered cycling outfit. Full body cover became compulsory after an outbreak of hepatitis in Sweden during the 1970s which was believed to have spread by orienteers scratching their legs and arms on the same bits of bramble.



Great leveller: the shortest distance between any two points is not always the quickest



Route signs: new orienteers may not have read a map since school geography lessons





Searching for a control flag

Turning up for a first event in jeans and sweatshirt to watch groups of usually lean, brightly coloured, lycra-clad bodies gallivanting up hills and darting between trees can be daunting. But trying to find each control soon becomes all-absorbing.

Tackling a course for the first time is rather like a treasure hunt, without the treasure. If your last map reading was done during geography at school, this is a rare mental challenge. Number nine of the British Orienteering Federation's tips for newcomers is: "Don't ever assume you are right and the map is wrong." Only when I failed to find a control point did I realise the wisdom of this advice. By abandoning the stopwatch and retracing my steps, the control point suddenly appeared from nowhere.

A list of basic descriptions, such as "path junction" and "small gully", hinting at where each control point has been hidden, is given at the start of the course, and can help. But wandering round in circles as vital minutes tick by is never wasted time; to finish a course without one of those punch marks is to admit defeat. Patience, and an ability to make the mind and body work together in an unfamiliar way is the winning formula. The main competitor in this sport is yourself.

Elite orienteers tackle 18km-courses uncovering 25 control points, but the sport caters for any age or level of fitness. Under-tens can trace a route with the aid of string, and the older, first-time orienteer has the option of trying flatter and shorter courses. Trail orienteering, which incorporates paths, is being developed for the disabled and about 12 permanent courses already offer this facility.

Orienteering suffers from being a very spectator-unfriendly sport and has thus not attracted much media coverage or sponsorship. Participation has not grown much since the surge in 1976 when the world championships were held in Aviemore, Scotland. Typical orienteers are said to be professionals working in computing or science, not tuned in to the benefits their sport would enjoy with a little more promotion.

Things could be changing. Following in the lead of Sweden, where almost a tenth of the eight million population regularly take part and the sport is a compulsory subject at school, orienteering now features in our national curriculum. On October 1 the British Schools' Orienteering Association came into being. Apart from being the perfect family sport, it is both fun and educational, involving knowledge of geography, mental arithmetic, teamwork and physical exercise.

The navigational aspect of orienteering is also making its way into other sports, such as canoeing and mountain biking, and the International Orienteering Federation hopes to have ski orienteering at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Results handed over at the finish line are often strung up along a wire between trees to be compared with others in the same age or difficulty category. Pitfalls may have been all your own while lost in the forest, but if your time is three hours instead of one, it is like having your dirty washing hung out. A partner and I were beaten by 45 minutes on our first course by an 11-year-old girl. That is what is meant by "treasure hunting without the treasure".



Think while you run: following other competitors may simply mean you all end up lost

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

There is quite a knack in inducing your opponents to make mistakes. It helps if you are known to be a bit tricky yourself.

Dealer West North - South vul Rubber bridge

	♠K873 ♥A7 ♦754 ♣Q876	
♠QJ94 ♥8 ♦AJ863 ♣K32	W E S	♠1052 ♥9654 ♦KQ ♣J1054
	♠A6 ♥KQJ1032 ♦1092 ♣A9	

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: Queen of Spades

South was Howard Cohen, proprietor of TGR's. He opened One Heart fourth in hand, West doubled and North redoubled. He should have bid 1 NT over West's double — 1 NT describes his hand in one bid; redouble could have been made on a variety of hands in the 9-12 point range. Over East's Two Clubs, South jumped to Four Hearts.

West led the queen of spades — dummy played small, East played the two and Cohen ducked. The defence still seems certain to take three more tricks; however, West was worried that his partner might have A x x in spades and that a continuation would allow the declarer to ruff it out. So West switched to a low club.

Cohen put in the queen, unblocked the ace of spades and got a diamond away on the king of spades to bring home the bacon. West's play does not stand up to analysis but it is amazing what can happen if you give your opponents a chance to go wrong.

☐ The 1995 World Championships for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup begin in Beijing this morning. The British women's team faces a difficult day in the first round robin phase. They start against Japan then have to play USA 2 and Australia, two of the teams expected to be in contention for the quarter final stage. Eight teams will play a double round robin, with the leading four going through to the knock-out stages which begin on Saturday. Great Britain's group also contains Venezuela, India, Argentina and France, the reigning European champions. Britain is fortunate to have the easier of the two qualifying groups — any one of seven teams could progress from the other group — but none of the matches will be easy and the team will have to play at its best to qualify.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Intel world championship game 16, 1995

Kasparov and Fischer

WITH a draw in game 16 of the Intel World Championship, Garry Kasparov moved to within one point of overall victory in the match against his challenger, the Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand. Kasparov is also one point away from a victory which will bring him a prize of $1 million.

Kasparov took this opportunity to compare himself with the legendary American Grandmaster, Bobby Fischer, who won the world championship in 1972 and thus broke the Soviet hegemony which had been in force from 1948.

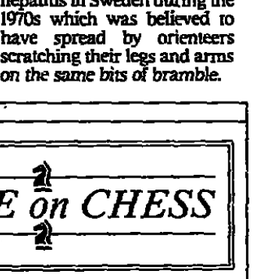
Whatever their playing strengths it is certain that Fischer could not have matched Kasparov's self-adulation and loquacity in affirming: "I am much stronger than Fischer ever was, even when he became champion. Fischer and Spassky [his defeated Russian opponent in 1972] were formidable."

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be2	e6
7	0-0	Be7
8	a4	Nc6
9	Be3	0-0
10	f4	Qc7
11	Kh1	Re8
12	Bd3	Nb4
13	a5	Bd7
14	Nf3	Rac8
15	Bb6	Qb8
16	Bd4	Bc6
17	Qd2	Nxd3
18	cxd3	Nd7
19	Bg1	Qc7
20	Nd4	Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



MATCH SCORE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Kasparov	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	1	½	½	9½
Anand	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	6½

The Times world championship book

A full account of the match will appear in *The Times* book by Raymond Keene, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99), which will be published two days after the result is known. Credit card orders on 01376 327901.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HUMICUBATION
a. Lying down
b. Hatching eggs
c. Hibernating underground

SIALOGOGUE
a. Speaking Chinese
b. Stimulating saliva
c. A child-walker

GNOMIC
a. Staturally challenged
b. Money-mad
c. Short and pithy

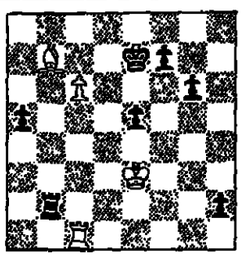
PROCERITY
a. Height
b. Aggression
c. Celerity

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 12, 1993. Although Black has a passed pawn on h2, the white one on c6, supported by the bishop, appears the more dangerous. How can Black save the day?



Solution on page 36

USEFUL INFORMATION

● British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2HX. (01629 734042)

● The BOF can supply a list of events, local club contacts, school information packs and permanent fixtures lists, plus any additional information relating to the sport. Send a 9in by 6in SAE.

● Course prices range from 50p to £14. The average fee is between £1.50 and £3 and can be paid when you register on the day of the event, or booked in advance. Maps are provided.

● Full-body cover is required but no other equipment is needed, except a red pen to mark your map, and a compass for the more difficult courses.

● The British Schools Orienteering Association, 2 Greenway, Park Lane, Broxton, Stafford ST17 0TS (01785 662915) aims to promote and co-ordinate the sport in schools and promote environmental awareness.



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Anglers on defensive as business challenges

By Brian Clarke

What could prove to be the most important conference on angling for many years is to be held in London today. The three bodies which represent sections of Britain's game, coarse, and sea anglers will be uniting to examine the vast range of issues with which the sport as a whole is confronted.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the conference, however, is not the agenda itself, but the fact that the meeting is sponsored by the recently-established Countryside Business Group (CBG).

The CBG aims to protect the interests of those who own land or derive all or part of their business revenues from country activities, by promoting the interests of those activities, including country sports.

The group sees threats from single-issue activist groups, "bias in the media, ignorance in the urban majority, disinterest in politicians of all parties." Among the results have been "ill-considered laws against dogs, against guns, and against hunting."

The group's membership includes a wide range of business organisations. It is levying a 1.5 per cent charge on each member's annual income from the countryside, and aims to raise at least £5 million a year. Up to £4 million of this will be spent on public relations, lobbying, and advertising, "to redress the balance".

Angling certainly faces some of the pressures the CBG identifies, including environmental pressures and the attentions of some animal rights movements. What remains to be seen is the extent to which the angling community at large will feel comfortable with this group and its wider aims.

Some may well be uneasy about the scale of the proposed enterprise, and activities which seem destined to raise the profile of field sports in general, angling among them. Not all field sports are equally loved by the public, and not all anglers share the view that the best way to protect their sport is to risk a closer identification with, say, fox-hunting and hare-coursing.

Indeed, some anglers undoubtedly would take an opposite view. The fact — for whatever reason — that the chairman and two of the three speakers in today's session on angling protection issues are representatives of the British Field Sports Society, even in this first CBG-funded venture, is likely to be noted.

This is not to say that injections of new ideas and cash are not desirable. Nor is it to deny the effectiveness of high-powered pressure groups in some contexts and cultures. But it does argue for caution by angling's three representative groups.

Those representing the cause of angling have a thankless task. Most anglers are interested in little that is not under their rod tips, and all anglers owe a debt to the bodies which, unrecognised and with pitiful resources, represent their unfocused interests.

In their frustration and desire to move forward, there is an onus on the Salmon and Trout Association, the National Federation of Anglers, and the National Federation of Sea Anglers. Because these bodies are the focal points of the public's attention, what they eventually decide will be seen as decisions on behalf of the whole of angling, even though each body in fact represents only a percentage of all anglers in its field.

There are likely to be many different views on relationships with an organisation like the CBG — and there are certainly differing views on relationships with some other country sports. All of these views are honourable and validly-held, some of them passionately by many thousands.

Wide and deep debate throughout all branches of angling is the proper way forward, before everyone is allocated the same views in the eyes of the public, and public opinion, takes, perhaps, an altered course.



Two of Gordano's talented hockey players, Michala Hooper, left, and Sally Smeaton, tussle for possession. Photograph: David Howells

Atwell the spur behind Gordano's rise

By Alix Ramsay

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

TWELVE years ago Gordano School in Portishead did well enough but seldom shone in most sports. Then a group of pupils heard about the national schools indoor hockey championships and asked their head of PE, Sue Stone, if they could enter a team. She replied that if they could find a coach then they could send a team.

As luck would have it, the local hockey club, Portishead, had a coach in the shape of Pete Atwell. He just happened to have the free time to coach the girls and was willing to come to the school. With his help the girls reached the national finals in their first year.

Today, many titles later including last year's indoor and outdoor national championships, Atwell is still there and Gordano now has half a dozen players in the England development squads. At under-18 level, Michala Hooper represents the school and at under-16 level Kathryn Bache, Danielle Barnes, Amie Hoad, Laura Leigh and Sally Smeaton fly the Gordano flag in the England training camps.

As a result of the success of the players, the school now has its own Astroturf pitch, one of only two state schools in Avon to boast such a facility. The arrival of a new headmaster, Bob Summers, a hockey enthusiast, marked the beginning of the project in 1991. After two and a half years of hard work and £260,000 of fund-raising, the new floodlit pitch was opened.

Not that the success has been easy to achieve. The players are worked hard by Atwell and he refuses to put up with shirkers. The England hopefuls have two indoor sessions a week with Atwell at the school, Saturday matches with Portishead club, a weekly club training session and a daily fitness programme to keep up.

"Pete's harsh, he works you really hard, but he gets you there," Hooper said. "None of us would be where we are if it wasn't for Pete." The sentiment is endorsed by Stone. "He does work them hard," she said. "But he is an excellent coach and the girls have a tremendous team spirit among themselves."

Stone's role in the hockey production line is initially as a scout. Any young school player who shows promise is pointed in the direction of Atwell. If she is good enough and keen enough, and her parents are happy, then she moves to the specialist hockey training group.

However, with so much talent, you would think Gordano would rule the roost around the Bristol area. Not so. Only in national competitions do all the big guns line up against the best of the rest. For friendly matches, Stone selects her top players sparingly. "Otherwise no one would want to play us," she said.

And in PE lessons the girls are encouraged to rein in their talents for fear of monopolising the session and demoralising their classmates. "It does make you think when you play, though," Hooper said. "You have to think of options other than the obvious which is good for us."

Still, with a couple of the players allowed out in school colours last week, Gordano pulled off two wins. On Tuesday, they beat Clevedon 3-0 thanks to two goals from Sarah Whitehouse and one from Leigh, and on Thursday they beat Nailsea 2-0 with Whitehouse again on target and Karen Hooper getting the other. The matches were no more than gentle outings — the British Aerospace national outdoor championships which begin in November are a different matter and the Gordano girls are ready for battle.

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Makeshift Wembley overcome cunning of Croydon

By Sarah Forde

PLAYING against Croydon, the unbeaten women's premier league leaders, with only 13 of a squad of 23 players available is hardly ideal, but Wembley's makeshift team left the Croydon Sports Arena with a draw and little to fear for the rest of the season. While Croydon had a perfect start to the season before yesterday, with 21 goals from four games, Wembley have struggled to live up to the pre-season expectations heaped on their young shoulders.

Yesterday, however, they went ahead after 22 minutes, having hit the bar seconds earlier. The rebound was cleared upfield only to be returned with interest for Andrea Wright to beat the off-side trap and slot it past Louise Cooper in goal. It was the boost that seventh-placed Wembley needed to show the league leaders how close the championship will be. They followed it with an exhibition of attacking football.

Time and again, Kelly Smith, 16, frustrated the Croydon defence with forays down the left wing, producing crosses which deserved more clinical finishing. Croydon reduced her impact on the game with some intimidating defending and her frustration was shown when she was booked in the 81st minute for kicking the ball away at a free kick. It was the only yellow card in a game that produced far more bookable offences.

Wembley always looked the more creative and in the 53rd minute, Croydon gave away a needless free kick for hand ball 35 yards out. Sue Jones's audacious attempt hit the cross bar and rebounded into the net off the back of the unfortunate Cooper. Straight from the kick-off, with Wembley still celebrating, Hope Powell orchestrated a superb finish to bring Croydon back into the game. Alex Cottier volleyed a stunning goal after Debbie Bampton produced an early cross.

Croydon have lost the lead in the premiership to Doncaster Belles who beat Liverpool 3-1. Arsenal got back to their winning ways with a convincing 5-0 victory over Wolves. Everton recorded their first win of the season away at Millwall and Ilkeston and Villa Aztecs drew 2-2.

Loughran sets record straight

By Our Sports Staff

EAMONN LOUGHRAN rejected suggestions that he made a meal out of his fifth defence of the World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship in Belfast. Loughran won an overwhelming points decision in a rematch against Angel Beltre, of the Dominican Republic, at the Ulster Hall on Saturday.

The Ballymena boxer, 25, took 120-109, 119-109 and 119-110 verdicts from Puerto Rican, Italian and Dutch judges. He had set the record straight after a "no contest" with Beltre four months ago, when the challenger came off worst in a clash of heads and was unable to continue beyond the third round.

Some ringside critics felt that he should have finished off a big-hearted, but limited opponent inside the 12 one-sided rounds. Loughran, nursing two stitches in a cut left eyebrow, said: "It would have looked better if I had stopped him, but I did the next best thing by winning almost every round. If I had knocked him out in two, people would just have said he was a bum.

"I'm pleased with the overall performance. The eye was no problem. I wasn't even aware it had been cut."

Loughran looked as if he might finish it in the second round after a big right hand, which buckled Beltre's legs. The challenger was driven into one corner, then another, took some solid body punches and did well to come through intact.

It was one of several rough passages Beltre had to negotiate. Loughran threatened to put him down in the eighth with a sharp uppercut followed by a sweeping left hook, but once again the champion was unable to press home his advantage to the full and it was clear then that he was going the distance.

It denied him the opportunity to raise his profile — and Loughran admits he may achieve the respect he feels he deserves only by beating one of the other champions. The first choice would be Felix Trinidad, the International Boxing Federation holder, of Puerto Rico.

Application earns Parrott tenth overseas title



Parrott: benefiting from stricter practice regime

From Phil Yates in Bangkok

JOHN PARROTT won his tenth title overseas and significantly improved his chances of representing England in the World Cup next year by beating Nigel Bond 9-6 in the final of the Thailand Classic here on Saturday night.

Parrott, 31, was stung into a stricter practice regime when beaten 5-0 by Darren Morgan in the first round of the Regal Masters three weeks ago. He has now won snooker tournaments in nine countries, including China, Dubai, and Monaco.

"Don't ask me why I play so well abroad, because I haven't got a clue. I just know I am absolutely chuffed to bits," Parrott, who collected a first prize of £40,000, said. "In this game you never know when the next big win will come."

An added bonus for Parrott is that the ranking points accrued here place him fourth in the provisional standings. Were the teams for the World Cup to be chosen now — based on the three highest-ranked players from each country — and not at the end of the season, as is actually the case, Parrott would join Peter Ebdon and Ronnie O'Sullivan in the England side.

"The World Cup is a long way off, and there are nine more counting tournaments, but I have to admit it's very much on my mind. I suppose I'll get the same mentality as potential Ryder Cup players when their selection is approaching," Parrott said.

It is a fair assumption that Parrott will qualify for the team should he reproduce the commitment, attitude, and composure under pressure which he displayed during the Thailand Classic.

Parrott, who recovered from trailing 4-2 to beat Stephen Hendry 5-4 in the semi-final, led Bond by the odd frame three times during the opening session of the final, but still ended at 4-4.

The first frame of the evening set the pattern. Bond missed an early tricky black and Parrott made a 116 clearance to lead 5-4. Parrott, the world and United Kingdom champion in 1991, doubled the blue to move 6-4 ahead before winning the next two frames on the black and a re-spotted black to take control at 8-4.

Bond, with little to lose, enjoyed his best spell of the evening with breaks of 38, 53, 41, and 74 reducing his arrears to 8-6. But Parrott needed only one scoring opportunity in the fifteenth frame. He fashioned a break of 58 to win the thirteenth tournament of a professional career which began in 1983.

Bond has now lost on all three of his appearances in the final of a ranking event. "Of course, I'd have settled for this at the beginning of the week, but it's disappointing to fall at the last hurdle again," he said. Bond was beaten by Hendry in the world championship final this year, and was runner-up to the Scot in the 1990 Rothmans Grand Prix.

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Brown makes sure of welcome return

By Alix Ramsay

WINNING four women's hockey league titles in six years is enough to make anyone blasé, but giving the rest of the premier division a two-week head start is taking confidence a little too far. The champions, Slough, having realised this, reverted to their old winning formula to earn their first points of the season with a 2-0 defeat of Leicester on Saturday.

The victory hinged on the Great Britain internationals in the Slough team who were returning from a week of training at Bisham Abbey. All three — Karen Brown, Mandy Nicholls and Anna Bennett — were called up for the fray, although Nicholls, who is coming back from injury, was on and off the substitutes' bench throughout the match.

Brown, as she has done for so many seasons, provided the driving force for Slough, starting the move that brought the first goal and rounding it off by burying the ball in the back of the net from the most acute of angles: and that while the match was still only six minutes old.

Despite her sporadic involvement in the game, Nicholls made her mark in spectacular style. Brought on just after half-time, she immediately found the ball on the halfway line, headed goalwards, cutting in from the byeline and planting the ball in the top corner of the net. The victory, however, still leaves Slough lurking in the middle of the table, an unusual resting place for them, albeit at this early stage of proceedings.

At the top, nothing changed as Ipswich drew with Sutton Coldfield and Clifton drew with Hightown. Things had not looked too promising for the leaders, Ipswich, when they went 2-0 down at home.

They made the mistake of leaving Jane Swinnerton too much room and she scored two goals in four minutes. Ipswich started their recovery when Sarah Bamfield scored a minute later and completed it when Vicky Dixon levelled the scores after 40 minutes from a penalty corner.

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Crutchley's striking debut lifts Cannock

By Sydney Friskin

ROBERT CRUTCHLEY, the former Hounslow hockey player, scored three goals on his first appearance for Cannock in a 5-0 away win against Havant in the National League yesterday.

Cannock built their success around their strong four-man middle line in which Sharpe was the most resourceful. More often than not, he got the better of his opposite number, Giles.

The first goal scored in the sixteenth minute came from a quick break through the middle initiated by Chana, helped along by Pidcock, and finished off by Organ. Cruchley obtained the second in the thirtiethminute from Sharpe's cross-pass and in the second half added two more goals in the 51st and 52nd minutes, the earlier one from a short corner. Kalbir Takher completed the scoring in the 61st minute after a brilliant solo run.

Havant, rebuilding their side with younger players, were unfortunate to have started the season with a tough fixture and next week they will entertain Old Loughtonians who on Saturday defeated Bournville 4-0 with Nick Thompson scoring three goals from short corners.

Guildford also made an encouraging start with a 5-0 victory at home over Trojans, Jennings scoring two goals, one from a short corner, and Hall two, with Powell adding to the score.

Reading, another fancied side, came away from Osterley with a 3-1 victory over Indian Gymkhana. Osborn scored in the first half for Reading from a short corner with Howard Hoskin and Ashdown adding goals after the interval. Chris Kent replied for Indian Gymkhana.

Southgate achieved a resounding 7-1 away victory over Stourport, but Housiow were beaten 2-1 at East Grinstead with Stuart Head scoring twice for the home side and Fordham replying for Hounslow.

The second division match between Oxford University and Slough was postponed because the field markings were washed out by overnight rain.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education Department, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH

SIR JOSEPH SWANN

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council proposes to open a new Secondary School in the Borough and to name it 'Joseph Swann County Comprehensive School.' The Council wishes to be satisfied that relatives of Sir Joseph Swann have no objections to the School being so named. Would any such relatives please respond to the Director of Education at the above address by 19 October, 1995.

If further details are required, please telephone Mrs E A Kipling-Vasey, at Gateshead Civic Centre, on (0191) 477 1011 Ext 2751.

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LEGAL NOTICES

RADCO HOLDINGS PLC
RADCO TRADING LIMITED
RADCO LAND LIMITED
ALL IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Tarrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed to act as Liquidator of the above companies by resolutions passed at meetings of the companies' members and creditors held 3 October 1995.

DATED this 3rd day of October 1995

D J MASON - LIQUIDATOR.

LEGAL NOTICES

Design East Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF at 10.30 am on 30 October 1995 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:

They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, no later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated 3 October 1995
L A Manning,
Joint Administrative Receiver

Glencool Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 20th October 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of the said Act.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 29th September 1995
Asher Koren, Director

Foothold Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF on the 19 October 1995 at 2.00 pm to consider my proposals under s.2.9(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a committee of creditors.

A proxy form should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented in order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day preceding the meeting, details in writing of your claim.

Dated this 4 day of October 1995
K.P. Barry FCA, Joint Administrator

A copy of my proposals may be obtained from the above address.

Owen & Robinson Plc
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF on the 19 October 1995 at 10.00 am to consider my proposals under s.2.9(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a committee of creditors.

A proxy form should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day preceding the meeting details in writing of your claim.

Dated this 4 day of October 1995
K.P Barry FCA, Joint Administrator

A copy of my proposals may be obtained from the above address.

PINEBEST LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 23rd October 1995 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(b) of the Act, Mr Stephen J Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T STEWART, DIRECTOR

TRADESET PHOTOSETTING LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A meeting of the creditors of Tradeset Photosetting Limited is to be held at 10 Bricket Road, St Alans, Herts on 26 October 1995 at 10 am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.

Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office telephone number 01727 844155 and ask for Miss Bailey.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

SRE Hancock, Joint Administrative Receiver
27 September 1995.

Dunlop closes on first trainers' title

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

JOHN DUNLOP is almost certain to become champion trainer after the all-conquering Godolphin team confirmed yesterday that it is short of horses to run for the remainder of the season.

"We are running out of ammunition and there is no way we will run horses just for the sake of it," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said. "John Dunlop will win the title. He is sure to have another ten winners at least this season and if Bahri runs and is placed in the Champion Stakes he will win. It's as simple as that."

Saeed bin Suroor, the trainer of the Godolphin horses, saw his lead at the top of the trainers' table cut to around £50,000 after Dunlop-trained horses scooped £45,000 in prize-money at Ascot on Saturday. Godolphin plans to run Emperor Jones in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket this week but is likely to have only a handful of runners during the coming month.

Despite being at the top of his profession for a quarter of a century, Dunlop has never won the trainers' championship and when Godolphin all but swept the board in the midsummer group one races he appeared to have been set an impossible task.

However, the oustanding form of his string is reflected in the 115 domestic winners he has sent out from Arundel, compared to the 14 of Godolphin, and in recent weeks the lead has diminished.

Crisford, who, together with Jeremy Noseda, worked for Dunlop in the early 1980s, added: "If anyone is going to beat us, we are delighted it is going to be John Dunlop. For 25 years John has been an outstanding trainer. It is one thing being at the top for one or two years, but to stay there is a remarkable achievement. He has been more consistent and more reliable than anyone else in terms of results year in and year out."

After growing speculation about strained relations between Sheikh Mohammed and André Fabre, the pair have had a meeting to sort out their differences and the successful owner-trainer combination will be staying intact.

Sheikh Mohammed visited Fabre at his Chantilly yard during the Arc weekend and their discussions included horses being sent to Dubai and the different financial arrangements which apply to running a yard in Britian and France. In France, trainers tend to make more of their revenue from the proceeds of horse sales.

None of Sheikh Mohammed's two-year-olds trained by Fabre has shown a great deal this summer so it will be a surprise if any winter in Dubai, but it is reasonable to assume that in the future Fabre will recommend some juveniles who would benefit from the Godolphin experiment. Sheikh Mohammed had not visited Fabre's yard for three years but the one-to-one meeting was cordial and another Henry Cecil-style dispute has been avoided.

Dick Hern yesterday reported Alhaarth "in tip-top form" for the Generous Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Friday, for which only five have been declared. Albaha and Fursan, possible pacemakers for Alhaarth, are joined by Danehill Dancer and Tagula.

Nap: GEORGE BULL
(4.00 Leicester)
Next best: Diego
(3.30 Leicester)

ED BYRNE



Brandon Magic, Swinburn, left, delivers a telling late challenge to Henry The Fifth in the Hyperion Conditions Stakes at Ascot on Saturday

Dettori's appeal fundamental to marketing policy

She is in her mid-thirties and not a regular racegoer; far from it. And it was probably the lure of a weekend's shopping and eating in Paris, rather than the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which enabled some friends to persuade her to cross the Channel and venture through the Bois de Boulogne to Longchamp last Sunday.

After much debate, with particular emphasis on the fact that her cat has a similar sounding name, she decided to bet 50 francs on Lammtarra. In a restaurant later that evening she was still purring with delight, but not over the exploits of the champion middle-distance horse of Europe. No, this woman had been captivated not so much by the Arc winner, but by the person who rode him. "Well, he is rather gorgeous — and what a star," she cooed.

I'm not sure I am best qualified to comment on the first half of her statement, although I suspect that the combination of his Latin looks, sparkling smile and the unique way he speaks English with a soft Italian-Suffolk accent means many members of the opposite sex — from nine to 90 — do indeed find him gorgeous.

However, what I know to be true is that Lanfranco Dettori, known to one and all as Frankie, is a genuine star — and racing, or, to be more precise, those in charge of marketing the sport to the outside world, are looking a gift horse in the mouth.

The infamous Marketing Plan — supposedly the blueprint for popularising racing — published last year by Lee Richardson of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) went on ad nauseam about corporate objectives, opportunities and threats analysis, indicative results estimates, and return-on-marketing investment. Nowhere in the 60-plus pages, as far as I could see, was there any mention of the potential of top jockeys to pull in the crowds.

In fairness, that omission may have been because of the relative absence in the past of stars in the weighing room with the necessary media skills to help market racing effectively. Steve Cauthen was a notable exception, but he was more of an ambassador for racing.

Dettori possesses real celebrity status, a magic all of his own, which captivates anyone on the racecourse, and especially those watching racing on TV at home. He has the clean-cut image of a Gary Lineker, which would make any mum proud to have him as a son-in-law. He has the humour and chatter which appeals to everyone, particularly the young. And, above all, his effervescence and natural enthusiasm makes racing seem so much fun and so enjoyable.

He, more than any other person, or horse, in racing today, has the qualities required to transform the sport's appeal and fortunes. If you think I am exaggerating, just consider what has happened in Japan, where jockeys have been promoted as the heroes of the sport and made racing enormously popular, particularly with young people. Yutake Take, the idol of the Japanese turf, gets more coverage than Eric Cantona and Princess Diana put together, even though he is a less accomplished rider than Dettori.

So my suggestion to Lee Richardson and the marketing gurus at the BHB is simple. Take your Marketing Plan and hide it on the highest shelf where it can gather dust. Forget about Sunday and evening racing campaigns. Racecourses should be perfectly capable of promoting their own events with particular regard to local needs.

Instead, bring in the best marketing brains and devote most of your budget to a nationwide campaign built around Dettori. You have a star in your midst. Stop ignoring such a valuable asset.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

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THUNDERER

2.00 Hatta Breeze
2.30 Bentico
3.00 Willie Rushton
3.30 Flyfisher
4.00 Love The Blues
4.30 Madame Steinlen
5.00 Night Wink
5.30 High Note

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 THORNTOUN ESTATE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Leading Spirit. 4.30 INTRODUCING (nap). 5.00 Karaar.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 SHELDUCK FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,817: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

101	(4)	00-1460	GLOWING JADE 98 (D,F,G) (B Easlick) J Glover 5-10-0	S D Williams	89
102	(5)	000060	MISTY SILKS 6 (CD,BF,G,S) (P Aiso) M Ryan 5-9-13	A Clark	93
103	(14)	55344	FRENCH GINGER 101 (Cambell Stud Plant) I Balding 4-9-10	W R Swinburn	86
104	(1)	366102	RACING BRENDA 26 (D,F,G) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 4-9-2	G Carter	93
105	(12)	412313	HEATHYARDS LADY 6 (D,F,G) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-9-1	F Lynch (7)	94
106	(13)	0-0600	MERLIN'S FANCY 23 (Mrs R Kennard) W Jarvis 3-8-13	W Ryan	90
107	(19)	530413	HATTA BREEZE 26 (B,D,G) (A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-13	D R McCabe (3)	97
108	(8)	0460	SWEET ALLEGIANCE 23 (In-House Partnership) J Poulton 5-8-12	A Morris	90
109	(16)	205140	PHASE ONE 30 (D,G) (Blackfield Racing) J Eyre 5-8-12	R Lappin	95
110	(17)	434052	FAIRELAINE 11 (M Booth) A Jarvis 3-8-11	J Tate	89
111	(15)	5-3200	THATCHER'S ERA 9 (P Jones) T Barron 3-8-11	R Cochrane	89
112	(3)	331000	KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 26 (F,G) (P Cronin) J Parkes 5-8-9	P McCabe (3)	93
113	(18)	40-060	RUN-DO-RUN 102 (R Coombes) H Collingridge 3-8-8	J Quinn	86
114	(7)	114230	MAZILLA 119 (D,G) (M Rhodes) A Streeter 3-8-7	L Newton (5)	90
115	(11)	16-60	MNEMONIC 84 (F) (Greenfield Ltd) H Candy 3-8-7	W Newnes	95
116	(6)	500452	CHANTRY BELLINI 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Kirk Scott) Mrs S Austin 6-8-7	J Weaver	97
117	(9)	000620	LUCIDITY 39 (D,G) (G Reed) C Thornton 3-8-7	D McKeown	97
118	(20)	200243	BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 17 (Mrs J Morris) J Glover 4-8-7	Dane O'Neill (5)	93
119	(2)	4-5000	WHITE HEAT 31 (V) (K Maeda) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-8	M Roberts	98
120	(10)	4-00650	TOTAL RACH 6 (B) (Mrs A Cappoccini) R Ingram 3-8-5	W Woods	95

BETTING: 5-1 Heathyards Lady, 7-1 Broughton's Pride, Hatta Breeze, 8-1 Racing Brenda, Fairelaine, Chantry Bellini, 10-1 Glowing Jade, 12-1 others.

1994: FAIRLEAD 4-8-8 J Tate (20-1) K McAuliffe 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

RACING BRENDA 2½l 2nd of 19 to Three Arch Bridge in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good) with KILNAMARTYRA GIRL (4lb better off) 7½l 10th. HEATHYARDS LADY beat Flirty Gertie 3l in 19-runner handicap at Catterick (7f, good) on penultimate start. HATTA BREEZE 5l 3rd of 14 to Controller in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good). FAIRELAINE ½l 2nd of 16 to Sharp Conset in handicap at Lingfield (7f, soft). CHANTRY BELLINI 2½l 2nd of 12 to Azdihaar in handicap at Haydock (7f, soft). BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 2l and short-head 3rd of 29 to Bold Habit in amateurs handicap at Redcar (1m, good).
Selection: FAIRELAINE

2.30 BADGER LIMITED STAKES (£3,678: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

201	(2)	160200	SOUPERFICIAL 23 (V,F,G) (M Ridley) J Glover 4-9-8	Dane O'Neill (5)	89
202	(15)	322120	BENTICO 10 (CD,BF,F,G) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-6	J Weaver	89
203	(6)	012000	MOVE SMARTLY 17 (V,D,F) (F Lee) F Lee 5-9-6	G Carter	88
204	(1)	302-001	SWINGING SIXTIES 18 (D,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-5	S Whitworth	88
205	(8)	5561P1	ANOTHER TIME 13 (D,F,G) (D Sullivan) S Woods 3-9-4	W Woods	96
206	(3)	204502	CALDER KING 17 (V,D,F,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 4-9-4	J Tate	91
207	(14)	320643	HAWWAM 93 (D,F,G,S) (North West Racing Club) E Alston 9-9-4	K Darley	84
208	(12)	000-000	HIGHLAND MAGIC 24 (G,S) (Miss N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 7-9-4	C Rutter	89
209	(5)	3/610/4	LABUDD 10 (D,G) (P Isaac) R Ingram 5-9-4	W R Swinburn	92
210	(18)	506211	TRAGIC HERO 6J (D,F) (Knight Hawkes Farm) M Pipe 3-9-4	M Roberts	86
211	(16)	312844	MICHELLISA 9 (F) (Mrs S Burley) J Bethell 4-9-1	W Carson	94
212	(4)	600300	AUTUMN COVER 3 (B) (G Alexander) R Flower 3-9-0	G Duffield	85
213	(19)	454060	BEST OF BOLD 19 (B) (P Jacobs) N Graham 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	89
214	(13)	55450-0	HARVEST REAPER 27 (J Harris) J L Harris 3-9-0	S Sanders	78
215	(17)	520030	KOMMAMAITE 7 (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 3-9-0	C Teague (5)	84
216	(11)	0-43300	OUR ROBERT 17 (T Fawcett) J Fitzgerald 3-9-0	L Charnock	89
217	(7)	021020	OUR TOM 175 (D,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 3-9-0	J Quinn	88
218	(9)	0-0064	TWICE PURPLE 25 (The Mathieson Partnership) B Meehan 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	88
219	(10)	220400	WANDERING MINSTREL 18 (B) (J Smith) J Eustace 3-9-0	R Cochrane	94
220	(20)	0-0402	H'ANI 13 (J Ashenheim) W Haggas 3-8-8	R Hills	96

BETTING: 9-2 Calder King, 6-1 Swinging Sixties, 7-1 Another Time, 8-1 Bentico, H'Ani, Tragic Hero, 10-1 Best Of Bold, 12-1 Hawwam, Souperficial, 14-1 Labudd, Michellisa, Move Smartly, 16-1 others.

1994: BENTICO 5-9-4 J Weaver (33-1) Mrs N Macauley 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWINGING SIXTIES beat Pengamoss 1l in claiming handicap at Goodwood (1m, good) with LABUDD (7lb better off) 1¾l 4th and BENTICO (6lb better off) 7¼l 8th. ANOTHER TIME beat H'ANI (1lb better off) neck in 8-runner rated stakes at Brighton (1m, good). CALDER KING 1l 2nd of 18 to Wilcoma in handicap at Haydock (1m, good) with OUR ROBERT (3lb better off) 9l 10th. TRAGIC HERO beat Sharpical 1l in claiming handicap at Goodwood (1m 2l, good to firm). MICHELLISA 7l 4th of 12 to Azdihaar in handicap at Haydock (7f, soft). TWICE PURPLE 2½l 4th of 12 to Danegold in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to soft).
Selection: SWINGING SIXTIES

3.00 STOAT SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,825: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

301	(14)		BELLE'S BOY (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 8-11	T Sprake	–
302	(2)	0	COME ON IN 6 (Mrs C Dickin) R Dickin 8-11	J Lowe	–
303	(6)	005	FORLIANDO 6 (M & M Pike & Sons) M Saunders 8-11	A McGlone	82
304	(19)	05	MOYLOUGH REBEL 102 (J Stone) Mrs M Long 8-11	M Perrett	81
305	(5)	500	PRIME CONNECTIONS 8 (B) (C Boland) M Bielby 8-11	D R McCabe (3)	–
306	(8)	54	THORNTOUN ESTATE 14 (W Johnstone) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	99
307	(16)	262340	VELVET JONES 13 (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 8-11	A Daly (7)	91
308	(11)	06	YELLOW DRAGON 20 (S Hand) Miss G Kelleway 8-11	S Sanders	82
309	(4)	006364	YOUNG BUTT 10 (G Bakefield) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11	A Whelan (5)	93
310	(17)	1000	LINDAS DELIGHT 21 (F) (L Doherty) J Moore 8-10	J F Egan	91
311	(12)	000	CARWYN'S CHOICE 6 (S James) P Clarke 8-6	N Adams	–
312	(7)	600	ILLEGALLY YOURS 34 (Prestige Racing Ltd) L Montague Hall 8-6	K Darley	–
313	(16)	000	JUST ANOTHER HIGH 31 (House to House Partnership) J Scargill 8-6	M Fenton	71
314	(13)	2660	LA HAYE SAINTE 23 (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 8-6	L Newton (5)	88
315	(3)	0	NORTHERN SKY 5 (J Thorne) R Dickin 8-6	Dale Gibson	–
316	(1)	64000	PRIDDY FAIR 26 (P Asquith) R Boss 8-6	W Ryan	89
317	(9)	635204	PULSA CIRCO 23 (P Youd) B McMahon 8-6	F Norton	89
318	(15)	400	SUBTLE ONE 10 (Ellis Stud Partnership) G L Moore 8-6	J Quinn	95
319	(18)	04324	WILLIE RUSHTON 34 (BF) (Passive Partners) G L Moore 8-6	S Whitworth	93

BETTING: 7-2 Willie Rushton, 4-1 Thorntoun Estate, 5-1 Velvet Jones, 8-1 Young Butt, 10-1 La Haye Sainte, 12-1 Priddy Fair, Forliando, 14-1 others.

1994: CALLING JAMAICA 8-6 T Quinn (13-2) P Cole 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

THORNTOUN ESTATE 3¾l 4th to Eric's Bett in maiden auction at Hamilton (1m 67yd, good). VELVET JONES best effort 2l 3rd to Paradisum in selling nursery here (1m, firm) with WILLIE RUSHTON (6lb better off) head 4th, PRIDDY FAIR (4lb better off) 13½l 12th and PULSA CIRCO (5lb better off) 19l last. YOUNG BUTT 13l 4th of 18 to Lilli Claire in seller at Goodwood (7f, good). LINDA'S DELIGHT 10l 9th to Warming Trends in nursery here (6f, soft). PULSA CIRCO 5¼l 4th to Pinocchio Boy in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). WILLIE RUSTON ¾l 2nd to Homeland in selling nursery at Sandown (7f, good to firm).
Selection: WILLIE RUSHTON

3.30 HEDGEHOG CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,971: 1m 1f 218yd) (9 runners)

401	(4)	133	DISMISSED 21 (G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-1	W Carson	98
402	(1)	2221	DO NOT DISTURB 20 (S) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 9-1	Pat Eddery	99
403	(6)	150610	KINNESCASH 9 (D,F,S) (C Scott) M Saunders 9-1	A McGlone	81
404	(5)	25	CANON CAN 25 (Canon O A Ltd) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	88
405	(8)	633	DIEGO 27 (C Brittain) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	85
406	(3)	632	FLYFISHER 14 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	96
407	(8)	0	ROSEBERRY AVENUE 11 (P Savill) Lady Herries 8-11	K Darley	–
408	(7)	55	ZAFORUM 27 (The Forum Ltd) L Montague Hall 8-11	M Roberts	80
409	(2)	06	SALLY'S TWINS 12 (L Doherty) J Moore 8-6	J F Egan	84

BETTING: 2-1 Dismissed, 11-4 Do Not Disturb, 4-1 Diego, 5-1 Flyfisher, 8-1 Canon Can, 16-1 others.

1994: STIFFELIO 8-11 Pat Eddery (7-2) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DISMISSED 1¼l and short-head 3rd of 8 to Tina Kemala in conditions race here (7f, soft). DO NOT DISTURB beat Roman Gold 10l in 8-runner maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to soft). KINNESCASH beat Jackson Park short-head in 21-runner nursery at Nottingham (1m 2l, good to soft). CANON CAN 4l 2nd of 8 to Night Watch in maiden at Sandown (1m 1l, good to firm) on debut with DIEGO 1¼l 3rd and ZAFORUM 2¼l 5th. DIEGO 4¾l 3rd of 8 to Inchrory in conditions race at Sandown (1m, good to soft). FLYFISHER short-head 2nd of 8 to Gentilhomme in maiden at Bath (1m 2l, good to firm).
Selection: CANON CAN (nap)

4.00 RABBIT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,510: 1m 3f 183yd) (18 runners)

501	(1)	0-31213	MONARCH 109 (D,F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-7	L Dettori	90
502	(12)	025	DTOTO 19 (W Scott) M Steele 9-0	W R Swinburn	89
503	(18)	218	UNITED FRONT 128 (BF,F) (T Beresford) R O'Sullivan 8-13	G Duffield	95
504	(14)	521010	DONT SHOOT FAIRIES 39 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Miller) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	94
505	(2)	363-43	BEAUCHAMP JADE 116 (E Penser) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	93
506	(15)	452011	LEADING SPIRIT 15 (D,G,S) (Indura Racing Two) C Wall 8-10	Pat Eddery	93
507	(16)	221060	SPARROWHAWK 10 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	J Weaver	99
508	(9)	062210	CROSS TALK 9 (F) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-5	W Ryan	98
509	(4)	886	LOVE THE BLUES 18 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 8-4	M Roberts	94
510	(8)	4-00060	LAST ROUNDUP 30 (G) (G Reed) C Thornton 8-3	D McKeown	98
511	(13)	60003	GEORGE BULL 27 (The Hopeful Partnership) W Hern 8-1	W Carson	93
512	(11)	210000	SLANEY PROJECT 9 (G,S) (Mrs D Wiseman) W Muir 8-0	S Sanders	93
513	(6)	5-00100	GROOMS GOLD 51 (F) (The French Connection) P Harris 8-0	G Duffield	94
514	(17)	112244	SOVIET BRIDE 19 (F,G) (J Mills) S Dow 7-13	A Daly (7)	92
515	(7)	0-06	MERIT 158 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 7-10	C Rutter	92
516	(3)	251244	PARADISE WATERS 10 (F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 7-8	J Quinn	96
517	(5)	003441	SLAPY DAM 12 (D,G,S) (Rose And Crown, Baydestone) J Mackie 7-7	P Fessey (5)	97
518	(10)	00-0	ROYRACE 19 (A Evans) W Brisbourne 7-7	Martin Dwyer (7)	–

Long handicap: Royrace 6-11.

BETTING: 9-2 Monarch, 5-1 Leading Spirit, 6-1 George Bull, 7-1 Beauchamp Jade, 8-1 Dtoto, Paradise Waters, 10-1 Love The Blues, Soviet Bride, Slapy Dam, 12-1 others.

1994: LA RIVERAINE 8-0 M Henry (10-1) J Hills 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONARCH head and ½l 3rd of 20 to Diaghilef in handicap at Royal Ascot (1m 4l, good to firm). UNITED FRONT beat Haldia 1l in 8-runner maiden at Redcar (1m 2l, firm) on penultimate start. BEAUCHAMP JADE head and ½l 3rd of 11 to Stagestruck in maiden at Chepstow (1m 4l, good to firm). LEADING SPIRIT beat Colosse 3l in 9-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 4l, good). PARADISE WATERS 6¾l 4th of 13 to Floating Line in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6l, good) with SPARROWHAWK (4lb better off) 11¼l 11th. SLAPY DAM beat Medway 7l in 15-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4l, soft).
Selection: MONARCH

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	6	18	33.3	Pat Eddery	30	135	22.2
J Gosden	21	85	24.7	J Weaver	15	72	20.8
H Cecil	21	87	24.1	W Carson	26	130	20.0
M Pipe	6	29	20.7	L Dettori	33	174	19.0
M Stoute	13	64	20.3	W R Swinburn	15	93	16.1
L Cumani	8	41	19.5	M Roberts	20	125	16.0

4.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HARE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O fillies: £4,078: 7f 9yd) (18 runners)

601	(10)		CONWY (J Miller) N Graham 8-11	B Doyle	–
602	(9)	0	DANCE ACROSS 6 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	–
603	(15)		FANCY HEIGHTS (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Lady Herries 8-11	W R Swinburn	–
604	(6)		INCA BIRD (Astrop Stud) M McCormack 8-11	R Cochrane	–
605	(1)	2	INTRODUCING 45 (G Strawbridge) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	99
606	(8)		KINGS NIGHTCLUB (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) J White 8-11	Dale Gibson	–
607	(2)	5	LITTLE BLACK DRESS 25 (G Howard-Spink) R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery	84
608	(17)	6	MADAME STEINLEN 16 (Sir Eric Parker) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	97
609	(14)	5	MIGNONNETTE 55 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-11	W Ryan	79
610	(3)	0	MOEIN 71 (Miss L Elliot) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11	A Whelan (5)	–
611	(13)		OLEANA (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11	W Carson	–
612	(12)	0	PEPPERS 100 (Mrs L Cumani) L Cumani 8-11	R Ffrench (7)	–
613	(7)		POLAR SPIRIT (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-11	R McGhin	–
614	(4)		SHIRLEY SUE (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	–
615	(5)		STOLEN MUSIC (Whitsbury Racing) D Cappell 8-11	W Woods	–
616	(18)	0	TASHJIR 11 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-11	W Carson	–
617	(11)	50	TIAMA 11 (G Stenberg) S Dow 8-11	M Roberts	83
618	(16)	0	UPLIFT 6 (J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	–

BETTING: 9-4 Introducing, 11-4 Madame Steinlen, 5-1 Oleana, 8-1 Little Black Dress, 10-1 Fancy Heights, Shirley Sue, 12-1 Polar Spirit, Tashjir, 14-1 others.

1994: SHAPELY 8-11 Pat Eddery (Evens fav) H Cecil 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

INTRODUCING 2l 2nd of 5 to Prickel in maiden at Sandown (1m, good to firm). LITTLE BLACK DRESS 4¾l 5th of 12 to Parna in maiden at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good). MADAME STEINLEN 4¾l 6th of 8 to Polska in conditions race at Ascot (6f, good). MIGNONNETTE 10¼l 5th to Expensive Taste in maiden at Folkestone (7f, firm). PEPPERS 12l 7th of 8 to Stallin in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). SHIRLEY SUE (foaled Mar 22). Shirley Heights half-sister to 6f/7f juvenile winner Dame Roucara; dam useful 1m 4f winner at three years.
Selection: INTRODUCING

5.00 DORMOUSE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,049: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

1	(10)	0	ADAMTON 26 (Triplegreen) Mrs J Cecil 8-12	P Fessey	–
2	(19)	00	ARECIBO 63 (K Higson) G L Moore 8-12	A Lakeman (5)	72
3	(14)	0	DESERT WATER 21 (Miss J Sell) J Bridger 8-12	G Scudder (5)	–
4	(13)	0-322	GODMERSHAM PARK 116 (W Paterson) M Heaton-Ellis 8-12	R Havlin	89
5	(20)	000-0	IT IS NOW 6 (Sheikh Mabandi Partnership) S Gollings 8-12	G Parkin	–
6	(9)	033	KARAAR 79 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-12	Mark Denaro	99
7	(12)	000000	LOGIE PERT LAD 25 (D Smith) J Bridger 8-12	Iona Wands (3)	–
8	(16)	004200	NIGHT WINK 10 (Mrs D Bengemin) D Nicholls 8-12	Martin Dwyer	88
9	(6)	60-0	RELENTLESS 21 (Barouche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 8-12	G Milligan (3)	92
10	(15)	5	AXED AGAIN 69 (J White) N Bycroft 8-7	G Mitchell	–
11	(5)	00-0005	BARBRALLEN 38 (P Allen) D French Davis 8-7	C Adamson	65
12	(1)	00	CROWNING TINO 7 (Sandown Park Stud) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	Aimee Cook (3)	–
13	(18)	30-0	LADY KATE 14 (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 8-7	S Copp	84
14	(2)	080340	MERRIE LE BOW 27 (H2O Nightspray) Pat Mitchell 8-7	Amanda Sanders	73
15	(11)	0	OSCILIGHTS GIFT 24 (Mrs P Stroud) F Burgoyne 8-7	D Gibbs	–
16	(8)	4534	PRUDENT PRINCESS 23 (Miss V James) A Hide 8-7	C Webb (3)	89
17	(17)	50-0043	ROCKUSA 13 (Deja Vu) P Hedger 8-7	A Daly	87
18	(3)		ROLLING SETTLEMENT (Mrs A Harris) J A Harris 8-7	C Lowther (5)	–
19	(7)	055000	SANDRA DEE 34 (M Gibbs) B Pearce 8-7	J Wilkinson (3)	69
20	(4)	0	SUN CIRCUS 20 (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-7	A Eddery (3)	–

BETTING: 5-2 Karaar, 7-2 Godmersham Park, 5-1 Prudent Princess, 8-1 Night Wink, 10-1 Rockusa, 12-1 Adamton, Relentless 14-1 others

1994: BASSMAAT 8-4 G Milligan (5-1) Mrs L Piggott 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

GODMERSHAM PARK 6l 2nd of 8 to Roderick Hudson in apprentices maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm). KARAAR 5¾l 3rd of 4 to Hand Woven in maiden at Ripon (1m 1l, good to firm). NIGHT WINK short-head 2nd of 8 to Special-K in claimer at Ripon (1m, good to firm). RELENTLESS 4¾l 7th of 19 to Arcio in claimer here (6f, soft) with DESERT WATER (4lb better off) 15¾l 17th. BARBRALLEN 5¾l 5th of 17 to Cuban Reef in maiden handicap at Kempton (7f, good). PRUDENT PRINCESS 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Always Grace in maiden at Folkestone (6f, firm). ROCKUSA 10l 3rd of 8 to Empty Quarter in maiden at Brighton (1m, good).
Selection: KARAAR

5.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HARE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O fillies: £4,045: 7f 9yd) (18 runners)

1	(12)		ACADEMY OF DANCE (Mrs M Pett) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	–
2	(1)	6	AGE OF REALITY 34 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	93
3	(4)	00	ALISTOVER 184 (A Paton) R Drake 8-11	Michelle Thomas (7)	–
4	(10)	00	ALREEH 20 (B) (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11	R Hills	–
5	(14)		AMELANCHIER (Shelbois Ltd) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	–
6	(6)		ANOTHER QUARTER (T Murray) S Woods 8-11	W Woods	–
7	(7)		DRIFTHOLME (Pervane Partners) G L Moore 8-11	S Whitworth	–
8	(2)		FAIRLIGHT DOWN (A Lloyd Webber) P Cole 8-11	L Dettori	–
9	(11)	06	HIGH NOTE 39 (The Queen) R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery	99
10	(15)	5	MISS PRISM 44 (Miss F Rausing) J Dunlop 8-11	G Carter	–
11	(13)		MY EMMA (Lord Matthews) R Guest 8-11	G Duffield	–
12	(16)	40	MY MILLIE 27 (P Asquith) R Boss 8-11	W Ryan	82
13	(9)		OPALETTE (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-11	K Darley	–
14	(5)		SANDICLIFFE (Sandicliffe Motor Group) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	–
15	(3)		SHAREDA (A Al Jafleh) W Haggas 8-11	R Cochrane	–
16	(8)	00	SPIRAL FLYER 19 (M Thorogood) M Usher 8-11	R Price	–
17	(17)		TASDIK (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	W Carson	–
18	(18)		TURIA (T Rootes) D Chappell 8-11	Paul Eddery	–

BETTING: 4-1 Fairlight Down, 9-2 Sandicliffe, 5-1 Academy Of Dance, 6-1 Tasdik, High Note, 10-1 Miss Prism, 12-1 Opalette, 14-1 others

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

ACADEMY OF DANCE (cost Ir6,000gns, foaled Mar 21). Royal Academy sister to 1m 1f juvenile winner Borisova; dam 7f/1m 4l winner. AGE OF REALITY 9¾l 6th of 11 to Caribbean Quest in maiden here (1m, firm). FAIRLIGHT DOWN (cost 425,000gns, foaled Jan 11). Dayjur half-sister to numerous winners, notably Arlington Million winner Mill Native; dam winner in France at three years. HIGH NOTE 6½l 6th of 10 to More Than You Know in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). MY EMMA (foaled Mar 13). Marju half-sister to St Leger winner Classic Cliche; dam, half-sister to Crews Hill, fair 7f/1m 2l winner. SANDICLIFFE (foaled Feb 8). Imp Society half-sister to winners in North America; dam unraced.
No selection

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

2.15 Cardea Castle. 2.45 Debt Of Honour. 3.15 FLASH OF REALM (nap). 3.45 Kinoko. 4.15 The Toaster. 4.45 Wee River. 5.15 M-I-Five.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,772: 2m 5f 110yd) (6 runners)

1	1-24	SOUSON 16 (B,F,G) J Wade 7-12-0	D Ryan (3)	90
2	-112	SKOLERN 62 (V,D,F,G) A Harrison 11-11-13	D J Kavanagh	91
3	2434	FIERY SUN 13 (V,D,F,G) R Barr 10-11-12	G Lee	95
4	2-65	CLASSIC STATEMENT 9 (C,BF,F,G,S) J Hellens 9-11-8	S Taylor	99
5	3150	CARDEA CASTLE 13 (CD,F) I Park 7-10-12	P McLoughlin	90
6	4325	BALZINO 13 (B) N Tinkler 6-10-5	E Husband	98

9-4 Fiery Sun, 100-30 Skolern, 7-2 Souson, 11-2 Classic Statement, 8-1 Cardea Castle, 10-1 Balzino.

2.45 KIER NORTH EAST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,693: 3m 3f) (11)

1	1-63	RUSTY BLADE 9 (G) P Monteith 6-12-0	A Dobbin	94
2	6R-3	IFFEEE 9 (S) P Bowen 8-11-4	Mr R Johnson (5)	80
3	1F-P	DEBT OF HONOR 74 (V,F,G) R Lee 7-11-1	A Maguire	91
4	000-	JOE WHITE 186 (G) J Johnson 9-10-10	N Williamson	–
5	P4-3	BLAZING DAWN 19 (CD,F,G,S) J Hubbuck 8-10-9	B Storey	99
6	1-P5	CROWN EYEGLASS 19 (G,S) R Woodhouse 9-10-3	L O'Hara	97
7	3223	UPWELL 15 (CD,F) B Johnson 11-10-0	D Ryan (7)	98
8	/P-	INTO THE MYSTIC 133 (C,F,S) S Coathup 13-10-0	M Brown (7)	–
9	4633	TRUELY ROYAL 24 (G,S) O Brennan 11-10-0	Miss V Haigh	97
10	4565	THE JEWELLER 8 (F,S) Mrs V Ward 8-10-0	J R Kavanagh	89
11	P224	COUP DE CATHERINE 10 (BF) W Barker 9-10-0	R Supple	81

11-4 Rusty Blade, 9-2 Upwell, Blazing Dawn, Iffeee, 8-1 Joe White, 10-1 others.

3.15 SATLEY PUNCH BOWL CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 1f 110yd) (15)

1	01-4	FLASH OF REALM 18 (CD,F,S) P Monteith 9-11-8	A Dobbin	82
2	6-	SHINING BURN 16 R Johnson 4-11-4	Mr P Johnson	–
3	4-5P	NOCATCHIM 41 (V,F,G,S) K Morgan 6-11-2	A S Smith	99
4	P0-5	BILLYTOBINSLAD 49F Mrs V Aconley 4-10-11	P Gould (7)	–
5	0-00	DIESEL'S FOLLY 19 R Woodhouse 4-10-11	L O'Hara	–
6	3	MAKE THE BREAK 10 M W Easterby 4-10-11	M Dwyer	–
7	-214	RICHMOND 44 (D,F,G) Mrs S Austin 7-10-10	D Wilkinson	82
8	4-6R	STAGS FELL 9 (CD,F,S) T Cuthbert 10-10-10	Carol Cuthbert	80
9	516-	GOLDMIRE 129 (G) W Fleming 5-10-9	D Parker (3)	67
10	40-5	BOETHIUS 42 F Watson 6-10-8	B Storey	63
11	16-0	FAMILIAR ART 13 (G,S) G Moore 4-10-8	N Bentley	65
12	0	PERILOUS PATH 18 R Shiels 5-10-8	R Guest	–
13	400-	HADI 21F W Storey 4-10-7	J Supple (3)	66
14	FP	OUDOTRY 24 J Mackie 4-10-7	T Eley	–
15	0-53	WHITEGATESPRINCESS 10 B Ellison 4-10-2	N Williamson	65

7-2 Richmond, 9-2 Flash Of Realm, 5-1 Nocatchim, 8-1 Familiar Art, 10-1 others.

3.45 LAZENBY AND WILSON CENTENARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,588: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1	00P-	HIS WAY 174 (F,G,S) J Johnson 6-11-13	N Williamson	99
2	11-1	GEMINOSIX 115 (C,F,G,S) Mrs K Walton 5-11-6	J Callaghan	85
3	33-P	MEMORABLE 24F (CD,G,S) J Hetherton 4-11-4	A Maguire	98
4	202-	KINOKO 4F (G) K Hogg 7-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	94
5	P/P-	ABLE PLAYER 142 (B,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-4	J Burke	–
6	P-01	MASTER OF THE ROCK 13 (CD,F) J Mackie 6-10-4	R Supple	95

9-4 Geminosix, 3-1 Kinoko, 7-2 Master Of The Rock, 6-1 Memorable, 7-1 others.

4.15 LAZENBY AND WILSON NOVICES CHASE (£2,975: 2m 5f) (10)

1	1234	SCARLET EXPRESS 11 (F,G,S) M Brittain 8-12-0	D Wilkinson	87
2	221-	THE TOASTER 131 (D,G,S) J Quinn 8-12-0	M Dwyer	99
3	P22/	JOESTONE 583P (G,S) O Brennan 10-11-7	M Brennan	–
4	-F32	KILLMOR LAD 9 (BF) P Monteith 8-11-7	A Dobbin	85
5	P/F	LEADER SAL 5 J Wade 6-11-7	K Jones	–
6		MOON CASTLE V Thompson 7-11-7	Mr M Thompson	–
7	-614	OAKLEY 170 (F) Denys Smith 6-11-7	N Williamson	81
8	0P-3	PLUCKY PUNTER 13 M H Easterby 7-11-7	L Wyer	–
9	4-55	PANTO LADY 9 (F) Mrs K Lamb 9-11-2	Miss S Lamb (7)	–
10	0-05	ICANSPELL 13 (B,G) W Storey 4-10-5	J Supple (3)	–

5-2 The Toaster, 100-30 Oakley, 5-1 Joestone, 13-2 Plucky Punter, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Park, 7 winners from 23 runners, 30.4%; M H Easterby, 20 from 88, 22.7%; J Hellens, 13 from 63, 20.6%; O Brennan, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G M Moore, 21 from 130, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: G Lee, 8 winners from 27 rides, 29.6%; L Wyer, 23 from 101, 22.8%; M Dwyer, 25 from 119, 21.0%. Only qualifiers.

4.45 CHILTON CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,770: 2m 1f) (5)

1	113-	WEE RIVER 170 (CD,F,G,S) G Moore 6-12-0	J Callaghan	92
2	6-11	BELDINE 10 (D,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-11-7	A Dobbin	92
3	13-4	PATS MINSTREL 121 (B,F,S) R Champion 10-11-2	M Fitzgerald	99
4	1133	RUPPLES 24 (D,F,G) M Chapman 8-10-1	W Worthington	98
5	24-R	ANOTHER RED 13 (C,F,S) W Raw 7-10-0	B Hogan (5)	89

6-4 Beldine, 7-4 Wee River, 5-1 Rupples, 8-1 Pats Minstrel, 25-1 Another Red.

5.15 SEDGEFIELD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (£1,287: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

1	1-1	M-I-FIVE 10 (F,G) Fozeld Thompson 4-11-13	W Fry (5)	–
2		ONE MORE BILL J Wade 5-11-4	K Jones	–
3	0-	SIR GYMCRAK 191 G Holmes 5-11-4	M Dwyer	–
4	000-	STRONG BLADE 175 J Wade 5-11-4	D Ryan (7)	–
5		DUKE OF PERTH J Johnson 4-11-3	A Maguire	–
6	0-	HYA PRIM 251 N Chamberlain 4-11-3	J Supple (3)	–
7	3	LEPTON 10 M W Easterby 4-11-3	J Driscoll	–
8	00-	MALBEE 175 E Weymes 4-11-3	Mr J Weymes	–
9		SMIDDY LAD R Shiels 4-11-3	R Guest	–
10	FPP-	BROAD OUTLOOK 177P M Smith 6-10-13	G Harker	–
11	0-	SUMMER GHYLL 347 M Barnes 5-10-13	P Waggott	–

2-1 M-I-Five, 7-2 Duke Of Perth, 8-1 Sir Gymcrak, Lepton, Malbee, 12-1 others.

□ Charlie Mann, the Lambourn trainer, announced his retirement from the saddle after he partnered It's A Snip to a 1¼-length triumph over Vinny in the £14,446 Velka Pardubicka Chase (4m 2f 110yd) yesterday.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 2.00 Total Rach. 2.30 Wandering Minstrel. 5.00 Lady Kate. 5.30 Alreeh.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Ascot

Going: soft, with heavy patches

1.45 (1m) 1, Beauchamp King (J Reid, 3-1). 2, Storm Trooper (15-8 fav). 3, Bright Heritage (8-1). 5 ran. 1¼l, 5l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.21.

2.15 (1m 4f) 1, Lababeh (W Carson, 16-1). 2, Saxon Maid (15-8). 3, Spout (5-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Hagwah. 3¼l, 7l. J Dunlop. Tote: £6.70; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £9.10. CSF: £41.86.

2.50 (1m 2f) 1, Quandary (Pat Eddery, 9-2 fav). 2, Romios (12-1). 3, Hoh Express (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Hardy Dancer. 2l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £2.40, £4.20. DF: £22.20. Trio: £92.70. CSF: £51.51. Tricast: £553.35.

3.20 (5f) 1, Mubhij (W Carson, 6-5 fav). 2, Westcourt Magic (7-2). 3, The Man (11-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 3½l. B Hills. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.55.

3.50 (5f) 1, Coastal Bluff (K Darley, 8-1 jt-fav). 2, Fire Dome (14-1). 3, No Extras (16-1). 4, Hello Mister (20-1). Inherent Magic 8-1 jt-fav. 24 ran. Nk, ¾l. T Barron. Tote: £7.50; £2.20, £4.30, £4.80, £8.70. DF: £72.00. Trio: £225.10. CSF: £114.13. Tricast: £1,646.13.

4.25 (7f) 1, Brandon Magic (W R Swinburn, 10-11 fav). 2, Henry The Fifth (9-1). 3, Oberons Boy (4-1). 4 ran. NR: Kuantan, Prince Aslia. Nk, 3l. I Balding. Tote: £1.40. £2.20. DF: £4.70. CSF: £5.07. Kuantan (5-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in the pound.

5.00 (1m) 1, Night Dance (A Whelan, 9-1). 2, Conspicuous (13-2). 3, Tarawa (5-1 fav). 4, Quintus Decimus (9-1). 22 ran. NR: Amrak Ajeeb. ½l, 2l. G Lewis. Tote: £8.70; £2.40, £2.30, £2.70, £2.20. DF: £25.90. Trio: £78.70. CSF: £67.49. Tricast: £307.17.

Placepot: £44.70. Quadpot: £12.20

York

2.15 1, Tudor Island (9-2). 2, Floating Line (4-1 fav). 3, Star Rage (12-1). 13 ran.

2.45 1, Committal (1-2 fav). 2, Silver Wing (12-1). 3, Karoma (16-1). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Seventeens Lucky (14-1). 2, Cariño Bigamie (14-1). 3, Noble Sprinter (11-2 fav). 4, Nobby Barnes (33-1). 25 ran. NR: Access Adventurer.

3.45 1, Resounder (6-4 fav). 2, Warning Time (2-1). 3, Beautiful Ballad (9-1). 5 ran.

4.15 1, Double Bounce (3-1 fav). 2, Highborn (16-1). 3, Palo Blanco (14-1). 4, Brecongill Lad (14-1). 23 ran.

4.45 1, Comanche Companion (15-2). 2, Barrel Of Hope (50-1). 3, Jollo (20-1). 4, Broughtons Turmoil (11-4 fav). 23 ran.

5.15 1, Believe Me (9-2). 2, Bullfinch (5-2). 3, Top Kemata (Evens fav). 4 ran.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,647.89 carried forward to Leicester today).

Bangor

2.05 1, Buckhouse Boy (3-1). 2, Cottage Craft (10-1). 3, All Clear (9-4 fav). 8 ran.

2.35 1, James The First (15-8). 2, Circulation (12-1). 3, Dr Rocket (100-30). Thistle Princess 11-8 fav. 4 ran.

3.05 1, Nahri (5-1). 2, Kadak (4-1). 3, Dubura (5-2 fav). 8 ran.

3.40 1, Stop The Waller (15-2). 2, Tug Of Peace (4-5 fav). 3, Bishops Island (5-1). 5 ran.

4.15 1, Addington Boy (Evens fav). 2, Master Orchestra (11-2). 3, Malawi (33-1). 11 ran.

4.45 1, Royale Angela (33-1). 2, Chicodari (15-8 fav). 3, Tochica Talk (33-1). 15 ran.

5.20 1, Queen Of Spades (11-2). 2, Supreme Lady (100-30). 3, Rachael's Dawn (12-1). The Kilaloe Run 6-4 fav. 17 ran.

Hexham

2.20 1, Fruhman (20-1). 2, Sonny-P (20-1). 3, Gonnamona (2-1 fav). 12 ran.

2.50 1, Salvo (50-1). 2, Amber Holly (16-1). 3, Elusive Star (9-2). Peggy Gordon 2-1 fav. 10 ran.

3.20 1, Hurricane Andrew (4-1). 2, Miss Hunter (9-1). 3, Charter Fair (20-1). 10 ran.

3.50 1, Green's Seago (5-1). 2, Electric Committee (6-1). 3, Bondaid (7-2). Scorched Air 9-4 fav. 6 ran.

4.20 1, Fiveleigh Builds (7-4). 2, Houghton (13-8 fav). 3, Laura-O (20-1). 6 ran.

4.50 1, Master Bavard (5-4 fav). 2, Sainte Marine (8-1). 3, Candid Lad (9-4). 5 ran.

Worcester

2.25 1, Fairy Park (7-1). 2, Lawnswood Junior (9-2 fav). 3, Water Diviner (16-1). 4, Decided (10-1). 16 ran. NR: Eastern Magic.

2.55 1, The Bud Club (9-4 fav). 2, Cantons Fraler (3-1). 3, Eighty Eight (100-1). 9 ran. NR: Loma-Gad.

3.25 1, Le Khoumf (100-30). 2, Exterior Profiles (4-6 fav). 3, Bone Setter (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Design.

4.00 1, Ask The Governor (11-4). 2, Sailor Jim (6-4 fav). 3, Duhallow Lodge (11-2). 5 ran.

4.30 1, Starlap (11-1). 2, Jim Valentine (14-1). 3, Dear Do (5-1). Conti D'Estruval 9-2 fav. 11 ran.

5.00 1, Rocco (4-1). 2, Count Melody (4-1). 3, Good Insight (7-2 fav). 9 ran.

5.30 1, Go Ballistic (13-2). 2, Pampillo (7-4 fav). 3, Lead Vocalist (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Rafters.

□ Nicolotte, trained by Geoff Wragg and ridden by Michael Hills, beat Prince Arthur (Peter Chapple-Hyam — John Reid) by 1¾ lengths to win the group one £56,172 Premio Vittorio di Capua over a mile at San Siro, Milan, yesterday.

□ Lord Huntingdon's Sharp Prod, ridden by David Harrison, was beaten 1¼ lengths into second by Macanal in the listed £12,346 Grosser Buchmacher Springer Sprint Preis (6f 100yd) at Munich yesterday.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs since win	Level stakes
J Dunlop	115	84	87	1	-79.16
M Johnston	102	106	88	15	-116.83
R Hannon	99	112	99	1	-280.50
J Gosden	79	53	47	1	-32.67
P Cole	71	56	62	3	-41.55
M Channon	70	70	67	7	-111.56
M Stoute	68	65	52	11	-83.79
J Berry	68	67	73	9	-332.56
H Cecil	67	68	34	1	-59.81

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	207	154	131	2	-88.41
J Weaver	140	126	122	14	-155.15
K Darley	136	115	112	2	-115.88
W Carson	132	80	85	2	-119.96
Pat Eddery	111	76	64	4	-86.62
T Quinn	105	91	98	4	-161.24
R Cochrane	93	87	88	43	-149.51
J Reid	89	87	70	6	-107.10
K Fallon	84	94	84	6	-19.82

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Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Lack of care in control of Gibraltar arrest operation

McCann and Others v United Kingdom

(Case No 17/1994/464/545)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, Thor Vilhjalmsson, F. Golcuklu, C. Russo, A. Spielmann, N. Valticos, E. Palm, R. Pekkanen, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland, A. B. Baka, M. A. Lopes Rocha, G. Mifsud Bonnici, J. Makarczyk, B. Repik, P. Jambrek, P. Kuris and U. Lohmus

Registrar H. Petzold

[Judgment September 27]

The killing of three terrorists in Gibraltar in March 1988 by members of the British armed services gave rise to a violation of the right to life as guaranteed by article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The European Court of Human Rights so held by 10 votes to nine observing that although the actions of British soldiers who had shot the terrorists did not in themselves amount to a breach of article 2, the authorities' lack of appropriate care in the control and organisation of the arrest operation persuaded the Court that the killing of the terrorists constituted a use of force which was more than was absolutely necessary in the defence of persons from unlawful violence within the meaning of article 2, paragraph 2(a).

Article 2 provides:

"1 Everyone's right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence of a court following his conviction of a crime for which this penalty is provided by law.

"2 Deprivation of life shall not be regarded as inflicted in contravention of this article when it results from the use of force which is no more than absolutely necessary:

(a) in defence of any person from unlawful violence;

(b) in order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;

(c) in action lawfully taken for the purpose of quelling a riot or insurrection."

The case originated in an application lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights in August 1991 by three Irish and United Kingdom nationals, Margaret McCann, Daniel Farrell and John Savage. The applicants were parents of Daniel McCann, Mairead Farrell and Sean Savage, who were shot dead on March 6, 1988 in Gibraltar by members of the Special Air Service, a regiment of the British Army.

Prior to March 4, 1988, the United Kingdom, Spanish and Gibraltar authorities were aware that the Provisional IRA were planning a terrorist attack on Gibraltar. On that date it was reported that an IRA active service unit had been sighted in Malaga in Spain.

By March 5, the intelligence assessment of the British and Gibraltar authorities was that the IRA unit, which had been identified, would carry out an attack by means of a car bomb which would probably be detonated by a remote control device. It was planned to arrest the members of the unit after they had brought the car into Gibraltar, which would enable evidence to be secured for use at a subsequent trial.

However, the members of the unit were considered by the authorities to be dangerous terrorists who would almost certainly be armed and who would be likely, if confronted by security forces, to use their weapons or detonate the bomb.

Sean Savage was seen in the afternoon of March 6, 1988 parking a car in Gibraltar. He was later seen, together with Daniel McCann and Mairead Farrell, staring towards the spot where the car was parked. After all three had moved away from the car, a bomb disposal expert reported after cursory visual examination that he regarded it as a possible car bomb.

It was decided at this point that the three should be arrested. Soldiers of the SAS in plain clothes were standing by for that purpose. Control of the operation was handed over by the Gibraltar Police Commissioner to their commanding officer.

McCann and Farrell separated from Savage. They were followed by two of the soldiers. When McCann looked round, one of the soldiers drew a pistol and shouted a command to stop. McCann moved his hand across his body; Farrell made a sudden movement towards her handbag.

Thinking that they were both going for remote control devices to set off the car bomb, the soldiers fired several shots at close range killing both of them.

Savage was followed by two other soldiers. When gunfire from the shooting of McCann and Farrell rang out, he spun round and faced the soldiers following him.

One of the soldiers shouted a command to stop and drew his pistol. Savage moved his right hand towards his hip. Fearing that he was reaching for a remote control device, the soldiers fired shots at close range killing him.

According to pathologists' evidence, Farrell was hit by eight bullets, McCann by five and Savage by sixteen.

No weapons or detonator devices were found on the bodies of the three suspects. The car which had been parked by Savage was revealed on inspection not to contain any explosive or bomb.

However, another car, subsequently discovered by the Spanish police in Marbella in Spain, was found to contain an explosive device consisting of 64kg of Semtex explosive, around which were packed 200 rounds of ammunition, with two timer devices. That car had been hired by Farrell under a false name.

An inquest by the Gibraltar Coroner into the killings was opened on September 6, 1988. It was presided over by the Coroner who sat with a jury chosen from the local population. Evidence was heard from 79 witnesses, including the soldiers, police officers and surveillance personnel involved in the operation as well as pathologists, forensic scientists and experts on explosive devices.

Pursuant to certificates issued by the Government, certain information, such as the identities, training, equipment and activities of the military and security service witnesses, was not disclosed. On September 30, 1988 the jury returned verdicts of lawful killing.

Dissatisfied with those verdicts, the applicants commenced actions against the Ministry of Defence in the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland on March 1, 1990. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, however, issued certificates excluding proceedings against the Crown.

The applicants unsuccessfully sought leave to apply for judicial review to challenge the legality of the certificates. The actions were finally struck off the list on 4 October 1991.

In their application to the European Commission of Human Rights the applicants complained that the killings of Daniel McCann, Mairead Farrell and Sean Savage constituted a violation of article 2 of the Convention, which protects the right to life.

The application was lodged with the Commission on August 14, 1991 and was declared admissible on September 3, 1993.

Having admitted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on March 4, 1994 in which it established the facts of the case and expressed the opinion that there had been no violation of article 2 by eleven votes to six.

The Commission referred the case to the Court on May 20, 1994.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

A Interpretation of article 2

1 General approach

The Court's approach to the interpretation of article 2 had to be guided by the fact that the object and purpose of the Convention as an instrument for the protection of individual human beings required that its provisions be interpreted and applied so as to make its safeguards practical and effective: see, inter alia, *Soering v United Kingdom* (*The Times* July 8, 1989; [1989] Series A No 161 p34 paragraph 87) and *Loizidou v Turkey (Preliminary objections)* (*The Times* April 15, 1995; [1995] Series A No 310 p27 paragraph 72).

It also had to be borne in mind that, as a provision which not only safeguarded the right to life but set out the circumstances when the deprivation of life could be justified, article 2 ranked as one of the most fundamental provisions in the Convention, indeed one which, in peacetime, admitted no derogation under article 15.

Together with article 3, it also enshrined one of the basic values of the democratic societies making up the Council of Europe: see *Soering v UK* (at p34 paragraph 88). As such, its provisions had to be strictly construed.

The Court considered that the exceptions delineated in paragraph 2 indicated that the provision extended to, but was not concerned exclusively with, intentional killing.

As the Commission had pointed out, the text of article 2, read as a whole, demonstrated that paragraph 2 did not primarily define instances where it was permitted intentionally to kill an individual, but described the situations where it was permitted to "use force" which could result, as an unintended outcome, in the deprivation of life.

The use of force, however, had to be no more than "absolutely necessary" for the achievement of one of the purposes set out in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) or (c): see Application No 10444/82 *Stewart v United Kingdom* July 10, 1984, (Decisions and Reports of the European Commission of Human Rights, volume 39 pp169-171).

In that respect, the use of the term "absolutely necessary" in article 2.2 indicated that a stricter and more compelling test of necessity had to be employed from that normally applicable when determining whether State action was "necessary in a democratic society" under paragraph 2 of articles 8 to 11 of the Convention.

In particular, the force used had to be strictly proportionate to the achievement of the aims set out in subparagraphs 2(a), (b) and (c) of article 2.

In keeping with the importance of that provision in a democratic society, the Court had to, in making its assessment, subject deprivations of life to the most careful scrutiny, particularly where deliberate lethal force was used, taking into consideration not only the actions of the agents of the State who actually administered the force but also all the surrounding circumstances including such matters as the planning and control of the actions under examination.

2 Obligation to protect life in article 2.1

(a) Compatibility of national law and practice with article 2 standards

The Court noted that article 2 of the Gibraltar Constitution was similar to article 2 of the Convention with the exception that the standard of justification for the use of force which resulted in the deprivation of life was that of "reasonably justifiable" and opposed to "absolutely necessary".

While the Convention standard appeared on its face to be stricter than the relevant national standard, it had been submitted by the Government that, having regard to the manner in which the standard was interpreted and applied by the national courts, there was no significant difference in substance between the two concepts.

In the Court's view, whatever the validity of that submission, the difference between the two standards was not sufficiently great that a violation of article 2.1 could be found on that ground alone.

As regards the applicants' arguments concerning the training and instruction of the agents of the State and the need for operational control, the Court considered that those were matters which, in the context of the present case, raised issues under article 2.2 concerning the proportionality of the State's response to the perceived threat of a terrorist attack.

It sufficed to note in that respect that the Rules of Engagement issued to the soldiers and the police in the present case provided a series of rules governing the use of force which carefully reflected the national standard as well as the substance of the Convention standard.

(b) Adequacy of the inquest proceedings as an investigative mechanism

The Court observed that a general legal prohibition of arbitrary killing by the agents of the State would be ineffective, in practice, if there existed no procedure for reviewing the lawfulness of the use of lethal force by State authorities.

The obligation to protect the right to life required that there should be some form of effective official investigation when individuals had been killed as a result of the use of force by agents of the State.

However, it was not necessary for the Court to decide what form such an investigation should take and under what conditions it should be conducted, since public inquest proceedings in which the applicants were legally represented, and which involved the hearing of 79 witnesses, did in fact take place.

Moreover, the lawyers acting on behalf of the applicants were able to examine and cross-examine key witnesses, including the military and police personnel involved in the planning and conduct of the anti-terrorist operation, and to make the submissions they wished to make in the course of the proceedings.

Against that background, the Court did not consider that the alleged various shortcomings in the inquest proceedings, substantially hampered the carrying out of a thorough, impartial and careful examination of the circumstances surrounding the killings. There had thus been no breach of article 2.1 on that ground.

B Application of article 2 to the facts of the case

1 General approach to the evaluation of the evidence

The Court noted that neither the Government nor the applicants had sought to contest the facts as they had been found by the Commission, although they differed fundamentally as to the conclusions to be drawn from them under article 2. It took the Commission's establishment of the facts and various findings to be an accurate and reliable account of the facts underlying the present case.

2 The applicants' allegation that the killings were premeditated

The Court observed that it would need to have convincing evidence before it could conclude that there was a premeditated plan to kill the suspects.

It did not find it established that there was an execution plot at the highest level of command in the Ministry of Defence or in the Government, or that Soldiers A, B, C and D had been so encouraged or instructed by superior officers who had briefed them prior to the operation, or indeed that they had decided on their own initiative to kill the suspects irrespective of any justification for the use of lethal force and in disobedience to the arrest instructions they had received.

Nor was there evidence that there was an implicit encouragement by the authorities or hints and innuendoes to execute the three suspects.

The Court therefore rejected as unsubstantiated the applicants' allegations that the killing of the three suspects was premeditated or the product of a tacit agreement among those involved in the operation.

3 Conduct and planning of the operation

(a) Preliminary considerations

The Court observed that in carrying out its examination under article 2 it had to bear in mind that the information that the United Kingdom authorities received presented them with a fundamental dilemma.

On the one hand, they were required to have regard to their duty to protect the lives of the people of Gibraltar, including their own military personnel and, on the other, to have minimum resort to the use of lethal force against the suspects in the light of the obligations flowing from both domestic and international law.

Several other factors had also to be taken into consideration.

First, the authorities were confronted by an active service unit of the IRA composed of persons who were convicted of bombing offences and a known explosives expert. The IRA, judged by its actions in the past, had demonstrated a disregard for human life, including that of its own members.

Second, the authorities had had prior warning of the impending terrorist action and thus had ample opportunity to plan their reaction and, in coordination with the local Gibraltar authorities, to take measures to foil the attack and arrest the suspects. Inevitably, however, the security authorities could not have been in possession of the full facts and were obliged to formulate their policies on the basis of incomplete hypotheses.

Against that background, in determining whether the force used was compatible with article 2, the Court had to scrutinise carefully, as noted above, not only whether the force used by the soldiers was strictly proportionate to the aim of protecting persons against unlawful violence but also whether the anti-terrorist operation was planned and controlled by the authorities so as to minimise, to the greatest extent possible, recourse to lethal force.

(b) The actions of the soldiers

The soldiers who carried out the shooting, A, B, C and D, were informed by their superiors that there was a car bomb in place which could be detonated by any of the three suspects by means of a radio-controlled device which might have been concealed on their persons; that the device could be activated by pressing a button; that they would be likely to detonate the bomb if challenged, thereby causing heavy loss of life and serious injuries, and were also likely to be armed and to resist arrest.

However, it was subsequently discovered that the suspects were unarmed, that they did not have a detonating device on their persons and that there was no bomb in the car.

The Court accepted that the soldiers honestly believed, in the light of the information that they had been given that it was necessary to shoot the suspects in order to prevent them from detonating a bomb and causing serious loss of life. The actions which they took, in obedience to superior orders, were thus perceived by them as absolutely necessary in order to safeguard innocent lives.

It considered that the use of force by agents of the State in pursuit of one of the aims delineated in article 2.2 could be justified under that provision where it was based on an honest belief which was perceived, for good reasons, to be valid at the time but which subsequently turned out to be mistaken.

Having regard to the dilemma confronting the authorities in the circumstances of the case, the reactions of the soldiers did not, in themselves, give rise to a violation of article 2.

The question arose, however, whether the anti-terrorist operation as a whole was controlled and organised in a manner which respected the requirements of article 2 and whether the information and instructions given to the soldiers which, in effect, rendered inevitable the use of lethal force, took adequately into consideration the right to life of the three suspects.

(c) Control and organisation of the operation

The Court first observed that it had been the intention of the authorities to arrest the suspects at an appropriate stage and that evidence had been given at the inquest that arrest procedures had been practised by the soldiers before March 6 and that efforts had been made to find a suitable place to detain the suspects after their arrest.

It questioned why the three suspects were not arrested at the border immediately on their arrival in Gibraltar and why the decision was taken not to prevent them from entering Gibraltar if they were believed to be on a bombing mission.

Having had advance warning of the terrorists' intentions it would certainly have been possible for the authorities to have mounted an arrest operation. The security services and the Spanish authorities had photographs of the three suspects, knew their names, as well as their aliases, and would have known what passports to look for.

On that issue, the UK Government submitted that at that moment there might not have been sufficient evidence to warrant the detention and trial of the suspects.

Moreover, to release them, having alerted them to the authorities' state of awareness but leaving them or others free to try again, would obviously increase the risks. Nor could the authorities be sure that those three were the only terrorists they had to deal with or of the manner in which it was proposed to carry out the bombing.

The Court confined itself to observing in that respect that the danger to the population of Gibraltar, which was at the heart of the Government's submissions in the case, in not preventing their entry had to be considered to outweigh the possible consequences of having insufficient evidence to warrant their detention and trial.

In its view, either the authorities knew that there was no bomb in the car, which the Court had already discounted, or there was a serious miscalculation by those responsible for controlling the operation.

As a result, the scene was set in which the fatal shooting, given the intelligence assessments which had been made, was a foreseeable possibility if not a likelihood.

The decision not to stop the three terrorists from entering Gibraltar was thus a relevant factor which had to be taken into account under this head.

The Court further noted that the authorities had made a number of key assessments. In particular, that the terrorists would not use a blocking car; that the bomb would be detonated by a radio-controlled device; that the detonation could be effected by the pressing of a button; that it was likely that the suspects would detonate the bomb if challenged; that they would be armed and would be likely to use their arms if confronted.

In the event, all of those crucial assumptions, apart from the terrorists' intention to carry out an attack, turned out to be erroneous.

In the Court's view, insufficient allowances appear to have been made for other assumptions. For example, since the bombing was not expected until March 8, when the changing of the guard ceremony was to take place, there was equally the possibility that the three terrorists were on a reconnaissance mission.

In addition, it might have been thought unlikely that the suspects would have been prepared to explode the bomb, thereby killing many civilians, as two of the suspects strolled towards the border area since that would have increased the risk of detention and capture.

It might also have been thought improbable at that point that they would have set up the transmitter in anticipation to enable them to detonate the supposed bomb immediately if confronted.

Moreover, even if allowances were made for the technological skills of the IRA, the description of the detonation device as a "button job" without the qualifications subsequently described by the experts at the inquest oversimplified the true nature of those devices.

It was a further disquieting that the assessment made that there was a suspect car bomb was conveyed to the soldiers as a definite identification that there was such a bomb.

The Court considered that in the absence of sufficient allowances being made for alternative possibilities, the definite reporting of the existence of a car bomb which could be detonated at the press of a button, a series of working hypotheses were conveyed to soldiers A, B, C and D as certainties, thereby making the use of force almost unavoidable.

In the Court's view, the above failure to make provision for a margin of error had to be considered in combination with the training of the soldiers to continue shooting once they opened fire until the suspect was dead. As noted by the coroner in the inquest proceedings, all four soldiers shot to kill the suspects.

Against that background, the authorities were bound by their obligation to respect the right to life of the suspects to exercise the greatest of care in evaluating the information at their disposal before transmitting it to soldiers whose use of firearms automatically involved shooting to kill.

Although detailed investigation at the inquest into the training received by the soldiers was prevented by the public interest certificates which had been issued, it was not clear whether they had been trained or instructed to assess whether the use of firearms to wound their targets could have been warranted by the specific circumstances that confronted them at the moment of arrest.

Their reflex action in that vital respect lacked the degree of caution in the use of firearms to be expected from law enforcement personnel in a democratic society, even when dealing with dangerous terrorist suspects, and stood in marked contrast to the standard of care reflected in the instructions in the use of firearms by the police which had been drawn to their attention and which emphasised the legal responsibilities of the individual officer in the light of conditions prevailing at the moment of engagement.

That failure by the authorities suggested a lack of appropriate care in the control and organisation of the arrest operation.

In sum, having regard to the decision not to prevent the suspects from travelling into Gibraltar, to the failure of the authorities to make sufficient allowances for the possibility that their intelligence assessments might, in some respects at least, be erroneous and to the automatic recourse to lethal force when the soldiers opened fire, the Court was not persuaded that the killing of the three terrorists constituted a use of force which was no more than absolutely necessary in defence of persons from unlawful violence within the meaning of article 2.2(a) of the Convention.

Accordingly, the Court found, Judges Ryssdal, Bernhardt, Thor Vilhjalmsson, Golcuklu, Palm, Pekkanen, Freeland, Baka and Jambrek dissenting, that there had been a breach of article 2 of the Convention.

C Application of Article 50

1 Pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage

The Court did not consider it appropriate to make an award under this head having regard to the fact that the three terrorist suspects who were killed had been intending to plant a bomb in Gibraltar. It therefore dismissed the applicants' claim for damages.

2 Costs and expenses

The Court awarded £38,700, less the sums paid by way of legal aid from the Council of Europe, in respect of costs and expenses relating to the Strasbourg proceedings.

Court of Appeal

Law Report October 9 1995

Queen's Bench Division

Trade union immunity preserved

London Underground Ltd v National Union of Railwaymen, Maritime and Transport Staff

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment September 29]

A trade union was not deprived of immunity from suit in respect of industrial action as provided for by sections 219 to 235 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, as amended by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993, by inducing employees to take part in industrial action without having been balloted by reason of their not having joined the union until after the ballot had taken place.

Section 226(1) of the Act was to be construed as conferring the immunity in respect of any industrial action in which a majority of the members of the union who had voted in the ballot had agreed to take part.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the National Union of Railwaymen, Maritime and Transport Staff from the order of Mr Justice Mance on September 18, 1995 that had restrained it from inducing in excess of 670 employees of London Underground Ltd whose names were not on a ballot list to take strike action without the support of a new ballot.

Section 226 of the 1992 Act provides:

"(1) An act done by a trade union to induce a person to take part ... in industrial action – (a) is not protected unless the industrial action has the support of a ballot..."

Mr John Hand, QC, Mr Oliver Segal and Miss Melanie Tether for the union: Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Roy Lemon for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the case raised important questions on the conditions which had to be satisfied before industrial action could be said to have the support of a ballot.

There was a legitimate trade dispute between the parties in furtherance of which the union had called on its members to take part in discontinuous industrial action consisting of a series of one or two-day strikes.

On July 27, pursuant to section 226 of the 1992 Act, the union had given notice to the employers of its intention to hold a ballot and had served the employers with a list of all its members who were entitled to vote in the ballot, approximately 5,000. The ballot was held between August 4 and 17, with 2,012 voting in favour of industrial action and 622 against.

The union had notified the employers of the result and served notice of its intention to call for industrial action. In the notice the union had listed the names of its members it intended to call on to take part in the action.

In early September, the union had served a second notice under section 234A of the Act of further industrial action to take place on September 20 to 22.

The notice listed members who were to take part and included some 670 new members, many of whom were key operatives whose participation was calculated to make industrial action more effective, and who had joined the union since the ballot.

The principal question was whether a trade union could, without losing its immunity from suit, call on a significant number of members to take part in industrial action who had joined the union since the date of the ballot and who had therefore not had an opportunity to vote in the ballot.

A subsidiary question was whether it made any difference that the new members had not joined the union by natural accretion during a long dispute but had been actively recruited to make the action more effective.

The employers insisted that those who had been balloted represented the constituency of those who could be called on to take part in the action.

If, they said, more than a de minimis number of members who had not been balloted were called on to take part in the action, then the action did not have the support of a ballot and the immunity was lost.

It was to be observed that the statutory immunity conferred by section 219 was in wide and general terms. But the question turned on the meaning of the critical words in section 226. Thereby what had to have the support of a ballot was "the industrial action".

Thus if the opening words of section 226 were fully expanded they would read:

"(1) An act done by a trade union to induce a person to take part ... in industrial action – (a) is not protected unless the industrial action in which he has been induced to take part ... has the support of a ballot..."

Industrial action was collective action. Those who took part in it would normally be in breach of their contracts of employment. By inducing them to take part in it the union would be liable for the tort of inducing a breach of contract but for the immunity conferred by the Act.

That immunity was withdrawn if the industrial action did not have the support of a ballot. But the participation of particular individuals in collective industrial action and the industrial action itself were two different things.

It was the industrial action which had to have the support of a ballot, not the participation of those who had been induced to take part in it.

The industrial action which was to be regarded as having the support of a ballot was not the industrial action of any particular individual, nor was it the action of those who voted "yes", for even those who voted "no" might be called on to take part without the union losing its immunity.

It was the industrial action in which a majority of those voting in the ballot had declared themselves prepared to take part. The collective action was to be treated as distinct from the participation of the individuals who were prepared to take part in it.

Parliament had to be taken to have appreciated that there would be constant changes in the membership of a large union and that significant numbers of new members might join between the date of the ballot notice being given to the employer under section 226A and the holding of the ballot, and between the holding of the ballot and the taking of the action.

There was nothing in the statutory provisions to preclude the union from including in the industrial action new members who were not balloted because they had not been members of the union at the time the ballot was held.

What might have been a contrary view was expressed by Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, in *Post Office v Union of Communication Workers* ([1990] ICR 258, 267). But Lord Donaldson appeared to have been considering changes to the workforce, not to the membership of the union. His remarks were obiter, did not receive the support of the other members of that court and were not binding on the court.

The employers' argument that industrial action involving an additional 692 members was not the same action as that on which the members were balloted was unacceptable. It was the same action, albeit calculated to be that much more effective.

There was nothing in sections 226 to 235 of the Act to deprive a union of its statutory immunity by reason only of the fact that it had induced members to take part in an action who were not balloted because they had not become members until after the time when the ballot was held.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Pattinson & Brewer; Miss Frances Low.

Local centre consent

Braintree District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others

Planning permission for a "local centre" provided for a development of shops which primarily sold convenience goods and had a relatively limited catchment area rather than a superstore with a wider catchment area.

Mr George Bartlett, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment on September 29, quashing the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment on October 17, 1994 to allow an appeal by Safeway Stores plc and Bovis Homes Ltd against Braintree District Council's refusal to approve details submitted pursuant to outline planning permission.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the term "local centre" in essence connoted a development comprising a shop or shops and possibly other community uses in which the shops sold primarily convenience goods and had a relatively limited catchment area.

A permission for a local centre, although imprecise, would not be so wide as to include all types of shopping development: if, for instance, details were approved for a retail warehouse park, that would be irrational and hence unlawful since the type of shopping, durable goods and a wide catchment, lacked the basic characteristics of a local centre.

Liability to contribution

Regina v Securities and Investments Board and Another, Ex parte Sun Life Assurance Society plc and Others

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment August 31]

The purpose of section 54(3) of the Financial Services Act 1986 was to ensure that contributions made by the members of a self-regulating organisation recognised by the Securities and Investment Board were sufficient to discharge the liabilities they were called upon to meet and not to limit their liability to the amount of claims against them or their predecessors. The section was not intended to allocate liability but to provide for the means of discharging it.

Mr Justice Sedley so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when refusing an application for judicial review by Sun Life Assurance Society plc, Sun Life Pensions Management Ltd and Sun Life Unit Assurance Ltd of the provisions in the Investors Compensation Scheme made by the Securities and Investment Board ("SIB") in the exercise of delegated statutory powers under section 54 of the 1986 Act for the allocation to members, including Sun Life, of one self-regulatory organisation, the Personal Investment Authority Ltd ("PIA"), of liability to contribute to the costs of making good the defaults of non-members.

Sun Life had argued that not only did section 54 forbid such enforced contributions but that the provision enabling PIA to determine where the burdens were to fall was an unauthorised delegation of SIB's powers.

The challenge was to rules 4, 24, 28, 29 and 31 of the Financial Services (Compensation of Investors) (Amendment No 2) Rules 1994, promulgated by SIB on April 6, 1994 which came into force on August 1, 1994; to paragraphs 2 to 5, 6(4), 6(5), 7(4) and Glossary of Annex 2 of the Financial Services (Compensation of Investors) Rules 1994 promulgated by SIB on September 15, 1994 and coming into force on that date; and to rule 1.3.5 and 1.3.5(3)(c) of PIA's rule book which came into force on August 1, 1994.

SIB was a limited company to which the secretary of state delegated many of his statutory functions including powers under section 54.

PIA was a self-regulating organisation ("SRO") recognised by SIB on July 18, 1994. It was the regulator for the retail sector and it was the body responsible for administering compensation payable by its members, to whom it passed on levies made by the Investors' Compensation Scheme.

Sun Life had been a member of the PIA since October 31, 1994. PIA replaced both the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation ("LAUTRO"), the self-regulating organisation which previously represented Sun Life, and the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association ("FIMBRA") not all of whose former members joined PIA and many of whom, being defaulters, were ineligible to do so.

Mr Charles Flint, QC and Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the applicants; Mr Michael Brindle, QC and Mr Michael Fordham for SIB; Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Sean Wilken for PIA.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the case hinged on the construction of section 54(1) to (4) of the Act, especially subsection (3) which provided:

"A scheme under this section shall not be made so as to apply to persons who are members of a recognised self-regulatory organisation except after consultation with that organisation or, except at the request of a recognised professional body, to persons who are certified by it and subject to its rules in carrying on all the investment business carried on by them; and no scheme applying to such persons shall be made unless the secretary of state is satisfied that the rules establishing it make sufficient provision: ...

"(b) for securing that the amounts which they are liable to contribute reflect, so far as practicable, the amount of the claims made or likely to be made in respect of those persons."

Mr Flint submitted that section 54(3) in terms forbade the allocation to PIA members of the liability of ex-FIMBRA members because it permitted the scheme to make members of an SRO liable for the defaults only of their fellow members, past, present or future.

He argued that SIB could not sanction a scheme unless its rules produced as nearly as practicable equality between what each SRO's members were required to contribute and the total of outstanding and anticipated claims on the members of that SRO.

Section 54(3)(b), in other words, forbade the making of a scheme and rules such as those which now existed which placed upon the membership of PIA the whole claims liability of the ex-FIMBRA members who had not joined PIA.

His Lordship adopted Mr Gordon's submission that section 54(3) required provision made by the rules to produce contributions from the existing members of each SRO, the amount of which so far as practicable reflected the claims made or likely to be made upon them.

That reading not only respected the use of the present tense "persons who are members", but by rendering "claims ... in respect of those persons" by "claims upon those persons" recognised what his Lordship considered to be the true purpose of section 54(3), which was not to allocate liability but to provide for the means of discharging it. It was the rules which were to allocate liability.

If was common ground that section 54(1) to (2) conferred powers wide enough by themselves to legitimate the rules at present under attack.

Subsection (3), without doubt qualified those provisions, but in his Lordship's judgment it did so not by limiting the liability of the members of the SRO to the amount, as nearly as practicable, of the claims against them, and by interpolation, their predecessors, but by ensuring as far as practicable that contributions made by the members of an SRO were sufficient to discharge the liabilities which they were called upon to meet.

There was, in his Lordship's judgment, no fetter in the Act upon the mode of distribution of the burden of claims among different groups of authorised persons.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Culver Holdings, Firecrest Group, Forward Technology, Martin Currie Pacific Trust.
Finals: International Biotechnology, Lucas Industries, Manganese Bronze, MR Data Management, Tay Homes, JD Wetherspoon.
Economic statistics: Producer prices (September), overseas transactions of the film and television industry (1994).

TOMORROW

Interims: Capital & Regional Properties, Cobham, A Cohen, Henderson Highland Trust, JJB Sports, Jones Group, NB Small Companies Trust, Trafficmaster, Walker Greenbank.
Finals: European Smaller Companies, Five Oaks Investments, Hambros Smaller Asian, Lendu Holdings, Lloyds Chemists, Old Mutual South Africa, St Ives, William Sinclair Holdings, Thomtons.
Economic statistics: Construction — new orders (August).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Alexandra Workwear, AF Bulgin.
Finals: Sara Lee.

THURSDAY

Interims: David Brown Group, N Brown Group, Etam, Lionheart, Morgan Grenfell Latin American, Time Products, Tudor.
Finals: Cradley Group.
Economic statistics: New earnings survey (1995) part b: analyses by agreement, retail prices index (September), machine tools (August), June census of agriculture and horticulture in UK (1994 provisional).

FRIDAY

Interims: Bisichi Mining, Environmental Investment, London & Associated Investment Trust.
Finals: None scheduled.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (September), Confederation of British Industry survey of distributive trades (September).

COMPANIES  MICHAEL CLARK

Charges take shine off Lucas



George Simpson would have seen Lucas soar if it had not been for provisions of £100 million

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: The group is by far the biggest reporting this week and full-year figures today will be eagerly awaited by the City. Lucas is much leaner and fitter these days.

George Simpson has wasted little time in whipping the group into shape after his appointment as chief executive last year. The group has benefited from fast-growing markets. But the gloss has been taken off today's figures by last week's announcement from the company that the figures would be accompanied by further provisions and charges totalling almost £100 million. That puts the total provisions in the past couple of years at almost £190 million.

The latest provisions relate to the cost of the company's dispute with the US Government over aerospace contracts. Last week, Lucas agreed to pay civil damages of $88 million. Lucas had been charged with falsifying records for the supply of gearboxes by its subsidiary, Western Geared Systems, for the US Navy and Army fleet of F/A-18 Hornet fighters.

These provisions, which will include a further £6 million relating to the adjustment of costs on disposals, will knock a big hole in the final profit numbers.

Brokers had originally pencilled in pre-tax profits of between £135 million and £140 million, but after stripping out the provisions of almost £100 million, Robert Speed at Henderson Crosthwaite reckons the final figure will be nearer £38 million.

Last year, Lucas recorded pre-tax losses of almost £130 million, including provisions of £87.6 million. The dividend for the year is likely to be an uncovered 7p.

But Mr Speed says that trading at Lucas has been "very strong". Sales of automotive parts, including brakes and body systems, should be 18 per cent higher. The diesel side of the business is expected to achieve sales of £1 billion before the turn of the century compared with automotive sales overall of £2.2 billion for the current year.

MANGANESE BRONZE: Full-year figures today should show a further sharp improvement, with brokers looking for pre-tax profits of about £4 million, double the £2 million made last time. Manganese is best known as Britain's leading builder and supplier of the famous black taxi cab. Demand for black taxis has grown rapidly during the past few years, with an increasing number of taxi operators choosing to use purpose-built vehicles with wheelchair access.

LLOYDS CHEMISTS: Persistent bid speculation will hopefully be pushed into the background when the company unveils full-year figures tomorrow. For months, stock market speculators have pondered the possibility of a bid from Kingfisher and a disappointing set of figures is certain to further fuel their hopes.

The group's problems started in March when shares in the group tumbled after it shocked the City with the news that its Supersave chain was trading at a loss. Since then, stories about possible takeovers have been rife. There have even been suggestions that the group has asked Samuel Montagu, its merchant bank adviser, to look round for potential suitors.

UBS, the broker, has forecast unchanged pre-tax profits of £55 million, while the rival NatWest Securities is looking for a small improvement of £2 million to £57 million. However, this figure will be struck before provisions of at least £13 million relating to Supersave.

A negative cash flow is also envisaged reflecting an increase in interest charges after a rise in debt from £3.4 million to £7 million. The extra funds have been gobbled up by the group's expansion of its pharmaceutical wholesale business.

An increase in the payout from 9.5p to 10p is envisaged.

ETAM: Little cheer is expected from the group when it reports half-year figures on Thursday. The group has made no less than three profit warnings during the past year. The only uncertainty for brokers is how big the losses will be at the half-way stage.

They have pencilled in a deficit of £3 million for the first six months compared with a profit of almost £6 million for the corresponding period. The outlook for the remainder of the year looks little better.

Much of the group's problems stem from its decision to move up-market.

Last year, it made profits of £12 million but brokers say the group will be lucky to scrape together profits of £5 million overall. Much will depend on the size of those first-half losses. The Etam board has spent much of its time in recent years fending off the unwanted attention of its biggest shareholder, Foschini, the South African retailer, which owns 38 per cent. It looks as if Etam's new managing director, Nick Hollingworth, faces an uphill struggle in his efforts to steer the group back on course.

NB SMALLER COMPANIES INVESTMENT TRUST: Tomorrow, the trust takes the unusual step of announcing two dividend payments. The 0.94p interim payout will be confirmed and there will also a special bonus dividend of 0.74p in connection with the trust's forthcoming merger with London Smaller Companies Investment Trust.

Both trusts are managed by 3i Asset Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of 3i, the flagship investment trust, which wants to raise the profile of the new 3i Smaller Quoted Companies Trust by using its name. The newcomer will have assets of £90 million, putting it into the top six in its sector.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Cheer over output prices

This is a big week for inflation figures in Britain and America, starting with UK September producer prices. Recent surveys from the Confederation of British Industry and purchasing managers have suggested that the worst of the output price inflation is over, and this is expected to be borne out in today's figures. The consensus forecast compiled by MMS International has input prices rising 0.2 per cent, taking the annual rate down to 7.6 per cent (8.9 per cent). Output prices are also predicted to have risen 0.2 per cent, keeping the annual rate at 4.4 per cent. Taking food, drink and tobacco out of output prices, the annual rate is expected to fall to 4.8 per cent (5 per cent).

The other main inflation figures come on Thursday, with British retail prices and American producer prices for September. In Britain, the headline inflation rate is expected to edge higher to 3.7 per cent from 3.6 per cent in August. Underlying inflation is also expected to rise to 3 per cent from 2.9 per cent. The RPIY measure, excluding mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to be unchanged at 2.5 per cent.

American producer prices index figures are expected to show that inflation continues to be subdued, leaving the way open for a possible further cut in interest rates at the November 15 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

Other points of interest on the British statistical calendar are figures for construction new orders tomorrow and the CBI distributive trades survey at the end of the week.

With turmoil in European currency markets, next Sunday's Gaullist party meeting in France will be watched carefully amid speculation over the future of the Prime Minister Alain Juppé. The economy will be in focus at the Conservative Party Conference on Thursday, with Kenneth Clarke speaking.

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The Sunday Times: **Buy** St James Place. **Hold** Yorkshire Electricity, Manganese Bronze. *The Observer*: **Buy** Storehouse, Derwent Valley. **Hold** Hewden Stuart, Oasis Stores, Just Group. **Sell** Blenheim Group. *Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Granada, Lasmo, Aegis Group. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Bleinheim, Clinton Cards. **Sell** Scottish & Newcastle. *Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Hanson, St Ives, Tay Homes.

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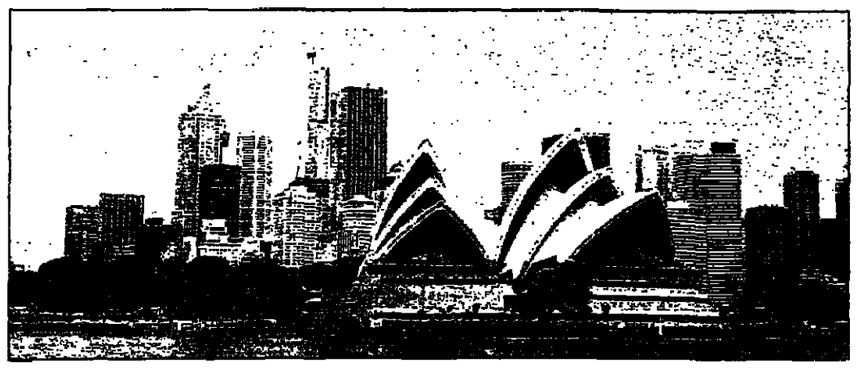
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Foreign banks in London are not complying with law

Clean-up needed for launderers

Representative offices are an open door for dirty money, says Nigel Morris-Cotterill



Allegations of money laundering were made against the Bank of Credit and Commerce International after it collapsed in 1991

Foreign banks in London are failing to comply with UK laws designed to combat money laundering, leading to London being seen as a place where criminals can easily hide their proceeds of crime.

The Money Laundering Regulations 1993 were brought into effect in April 1994. They require all businesses affected by the Financial Services Act 1986 (and others) to take steps to combat money laundering. Failure to comply with the four measures set out in the regulations can bring penalties of up to two years in jail for the officers of the business, even though the business is not in fact used by money launderers.

Under the measures, the business must set up an internal system for employees to report their suspicions: there must be systems for identifying new customers; there must be one person to accept reports and consider the appropriate action; and there must be a system of recording and storing information about persons and transactions.

However, evidence is emerging that small branches and representative offices of many overseas banks are not training their staff, have not appointed a reporting officer and have no system for identifying new customers. The justification given by representative offices is that they are regulated by their home jurisdiction and not UK banking regulators. In the case of small branches, it appears that the cost of training and of creating the systems, especially where there are few resident staff, is regarded as too high.

A small Japanese bank said that it had only two people in London and did not need to comply with the UK law. It later said that some training had been provided but no reporting officer had been appointed. A subsidiary of a larger Japanese bank said it had no one with responsibility for money laundering reporting. Yet its UK head office had a compliance department. A Korean bank said it was a representative office and did not need to comply until it became a branch in two years' time.

An overseas bank can open a representative office merely by notifying the Bank of England that it has done so. It does not need a banking licence and is largely unregulated by the UK banking system.

However, the purpose of a representative office is to operate, to an extent, some front functions of the principal office of the bank it represents. It is therefore at least arguable that the representative offices undertake activities regulated by the 1993 regulations, including, for example, acceptance of deposits (some take them and forward them to their head office via a UK clearer). As a result, they appear to be subject to the UK money laundering regulations.

It must be so, otherwise the representative office of an overseas bank is an open door into the banking system for dirty money: funds left with the representative office are passed over the counter of the UK clearer with which the representative office operates its current account. The money, when passed to the clearer, is the money of the bank which the representative office represents. Therefore, the UK clearer does not have to identify the source of the funds, in any but the most extreme cases.

If the representative offices do not comply with the UK money laundering regulations, a person in London can make a payment to the account of a customer of the representative office's principal and funds can be accepted without any checks as to the source of the funds. Cross-border transactions are used by money launderers to confuse investigators who have legal problems in tracing funds in foreign jurisdictions. As one of the simplest methods of laundering money is the creation of a fictitious invoice which is then paid overseas, the failure of representative offices to comply with UK laws is an obvious hole in the international effort to control money laundering.

Branch offices are subject to the UK regulations because they are able to perform banking services such as foreign exchange.

Banks which do not comply place their staff at risk of prosecution. The regulations are a small part of a large body of law. Everyone engaged in employment, business, trade or profession has a duty to make reports to the police of information that comes into their hands and leads to a suspicion of involvement in laundering the proceeds of certain crimes, especially drugs trafficking and terrorism. Both of these crimes are very widely defined and include the passing of small quantities of drugs, for example.

Recent finds of large quantities of drugs have shown that considerable amounts of money is passed across borders to pay for supplies. In some cases, this money is transported by hand, in others, the money is spent in the UK to acquire a readily transportable asset such as a car, a piece of jewellery or a work of art. Often these "tokens" are stolen goods. In many cases, however, it is simply placed in the banking system where it is moved, camouflaged by the vast sums of money passing through the London markets, into a less-regulated banking system where it can be used in furtherance of other crime or taken as profit.

Money laundering is considered most likely to be detected at the stage where it is introduced into the banking system. The lack or inadequacy of controls adopted by overseas banks makes it simpler to launder money in London and does nothing to reduce London's reputation as an easy place to launder dirty money.

Fate of yields rests in hands of Chancellor

GILT-EDGED

Micro-economic trends seem more reassuring for gilts than the macro-economic framework.

Fourteen years of inflation fighting are yielding results. The most telling evidence comes from signs that companies are moving away from cost-based pricing to price-based costing. The competitive environment imposed as much by global trends as local factors is forcing companies to see what prices the market will bear and to adjust their production schedules accordingly. Those countries such as the UK with a flexible labour market have been able to retain a competitive position.

The realisation that life has changed may be as much a result of global competitive forces as the restrictive monetary policy. But this does not matter. The results are being delivered in a low underlying inflation rate. Moreover, some of the inflation we have largely represents the profit share of GDP rising rather than costs being passed on and some of the rest may represent the quality premium consumers are prepared to pay for something better.

A second micro-economic factor is the growing bias of life and pension funds to allocating cash to the gilt-edged market. Recent figures suggest that nearly 60 per cent of cash has been so allocated compared with a net retreat from the market earlier in this decade. This may not just represent a reaction to the Goode report recommendations. An ageing population normally requires a different risk tolerance level. A third factor relates to technical changes in the market. The introduction of repos and strippable gilts provides a new dimension to the market, adding to its liquidity.

These positive micro-economic developments have helped to reduce long-bond yields this year from around 8¾ per cent at the beginning of the year to under 8 per cent by June. Subsequently, however, the market has gone sideways. These positive micro-developments have been swamped by a macro-economic framework in which the UK does not appear very special.

A cyclical deterioration in the budget deficit has proved a concern, but a greater issue is that the structural budget deficit estimated by the OECD at around 3 per cent of GDP this year is little different from the average for the G7. If there is no huge tax giveaway in the Budget, however, and the Chancellor can stick to his spending plans, this structural deficit could make a significant shift down in 1996.

This could go a long way to closing the gap between UK yields and those in Germany and would help to lower the real yield basis which could support both equity and bond markets. However, the betting must be that politics necessitates large tax cuts. If this is right the yield spread could widen.

A neutral stance in the Budget seems most unlikely, but would provide the best news for long-term interest rates. How much drift there is away from this stance is crucial in determining the trend of long yields. A rough rule of thumb would be tax cuts greater than £3 billion to £4 billion are probably not consistent with long bond yields being able to maintain their current levels.

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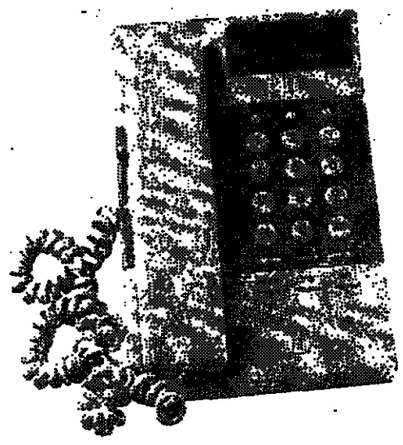
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Dutch lead foreign charge on UK cable sector

BY ERIC REGULY

THE British cable industry is burning up cash to fund its expansion. It also suffers from low penetration, high disconnection rates and is not expected to turn a profit for many years.

Against this backdrop, it is surprising that foreign interest in the sector is set to increase, not diminish. One company in particular, KPN, the Dutch telecommunications and postal group, is set to make a splash in Britain.

KPN recently bought a half interest in Telecential Communications, the ninth-largest cable operator, and is widely expected to buy IVS Cable Holdings, the cable arm of Flextech, the American owned television broadcaster.

There is more to come. KPN has armed itself with bankers and financial and public-relations advisers and is on the prowl for a takeover. Cees Griffioen, KPN's chief financial officer, said: "We would love to be a player that is a factor in the market. Anything that's available, we'll take a close look at."

KPN's effort to build up a foreign cable presence is part of its diversification strategy in the wake of its privatisation. The Dutch government sold 30 per cent of the share capital last year for about six billion guilders (£2.4 billion). Another 20 per cent will be sold later this month, and its shares will soon be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

KPN has a variety of businesses, ranging from mail and courier services to national phone and mobile communications. But its cable business, one of the key areas of its expansion strategy, is small. It has 1.3 million cable subscribers in the Netherlands. Its goal is to take that number to at least three million by picking up cable franchises in France, Germany, east Europe and Britain.

Telecential, bought for about £40 million, gave KPN access to 626,000 homes in the Midlands, the South-East and the South-West. About 75,000 of those homes have signed up for service. Buying IVS would give it access to another 265,000 homes in Oxford, Stafford, Andover, Salisbury and Jersey. KPN, which is thought to have offered Flextech more than £50 million for IVS, will require almost £100 million to complete the expansion programme in those regions.

More buying opportunities are bound to present themselves. The cable industry is on the verge of consolidating in the interests of economies of scale. Analysts believe that takeovers and mergers will eventually reduce the 20 cable companies to five or six big players. The process has already begun. TeleWest, the largest operator, recently purchased SBC CableComms for £679 million.

KPN is well aware of the cable companies' less-than-promising start in Britain. But it is a long-term believer in the business because the regulatory regime here is the most liberal in the world.

Derivatives could stop currency speculators

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

CENTRAL BANKS should use currency options on a vast scale to overcome speculative attacks on the foreign exchanges, a former World Bank economist urges.

By using these risky derivatives, he argues, central banks could multiply their effective foreign currency reserves at modest cost and beat speculators at their own game.

The controversial plan is fraught with difficulties, but is likely to attract serious interest because of official frustration over the power of private speculators to attack even the most widely traded currencies.

In a paper published today, Charles Taylor, executive director the Group of 30, a Washington-based private think tank, suggests that Mexico could have staved off the free-fall of the peso at the beginning of this year if it had spent $100 million a year maintaining a currency option programme. This would have more than doubled the country's reserves, Mr Taylor calculates. The cost might have been only about 0.25 per cent of Mexico's annual import bill. Use of derivatives would therefore have been highly cost-effective if had prevented the currency collapse, which severely disrupted Mexico's economy.

A central bank should maintain a large programme of put options against its own currency as an insurance policy, Mr Taylor argues in *Options and currency intervention*, a paper written for the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation. These put options would allow the central bank to sell its own currency in exchange for a reserve currency, such as dollars, marks or yen, at a fixed price.

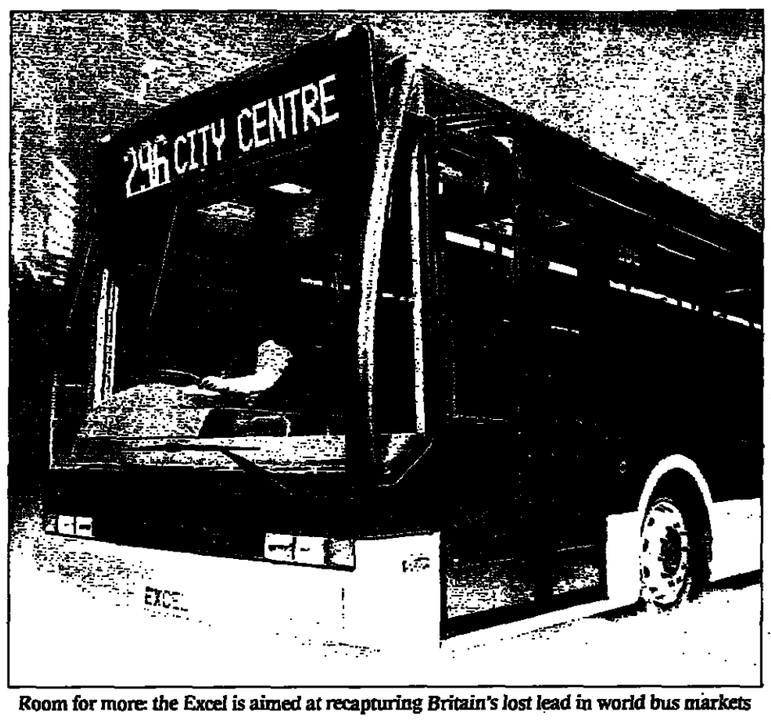
If exercised, the options would add to the country's foreign currency reserves. These extra reserves could then be used to stabilise the domestic currency. The options would have to be struck at prices well below the currency's present exchange value to be economic, Mr Taylor accepts. They would therefore help prevent only hefty depreciations. This could, however, help the authorities keep a currency within a broad band, possibly including wide bands of the European exchange rate mechanism.

Mr Taylor admits that his idea will face strong opposition. If the currency fell below the option price, for instance, the central bank would make a profit, adding to its reserves even after it had bought back its own currency. This could encourage irresponsible economic policies or devaluations. But Mr Taylor argues that any policy weakness would soon be reflected in the cost of the options, which would become a barometer of market judgment of policy.

Public bodies have a patchy record on derivatives, as the Hammersmith swaps affair and the bankruptcy of Orange County testify. But trust would not be needed, Mr Taylor argues, if central banks bought options from private banks and never wrote options themselves. This should limit risk to the cost of the option.

More intractable problems might stem from the lack of liquidity in derivatives markets. Mr Taylor insists that central banks should only take out sell options on their currency. This could, however, cause a huge imbalance in the options markets for all but reserve currencies.

Currency option programmes would come to be seen as insurance policies that could match the power of private speculators. Mr Taylor argues. Premiums would indicate whether a government was being responsible or taking risks with its economy.



Room for more: the Excel is aimed at recapturing Britain's lost lead in world bus markets

Optare unveils new bus

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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OPTARE, the Leeds bus maker, will this week unveil a single-decker conceived to recapture the world market lead.

Encouraged by the success of its smaller MetroRider, which uses an integral body and chassis, Optare has used the concept to develop the Excel model capable of carrying up to 48 passengers.

Russell Richardson, Optare's managing director, hopes to sell the Excel in Britain, continental Europe and the fast-industrialising countries of Pacific Asia.

Optare has received a flood of enquiries from Asia after signing a five-year deal to supply 1,200 MetroRider machines for assembly in Malaysia. This year the company will ship 250 vehicles to Malaysia. With the 350 built for sale in Britain, this is expected to lift turnover to £35 million.

Peptide Therapeutics placing to raise £15m

PEPTIDE Therapeutics Group, the biopharmaceutical development company working on a vaccine to prevent allergic reactions to wasp stings, seafood and pollen, yesterday announced plans to seek a stock market listing this year. Peptide hopes to raise about £15 million in a placing sponsored by NM Rothschild and James Capel that will value the group at upwards of £50 million.

Other research areas in which Peptide is working are a vaccine for hay fever and a therapeutic product for rheumatoid arthritis. Dr Brian Richards, Peptide's chairman, said: "We are currently pursuing a number of exciting therapeutic product development programmes."

Financial sector gloomy

OPTIMISM in the financial services sector fell by the greatest amount for three years in the third quarter of this year. The decline was marked among banks, general insurers and venture capitalists; it was the steepest since Britain's forced exit from the European exchange rate mechanism. But the picture was not all gloom. Confidence among securities traders, life insurers and finance houses was up compared with three months ago, according to the survey by the CBI and Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy and management consultancy.

EMU 'would cut rates'

WHATEVER the drawbacks of a single European currency, homebuyers in Britain stand to reap immediate benefit if Britain opts to enter economic and monetary union (EMU) as one of the hardcore economies. Patrick Foley, chief economist at Lloyds Bank, said that as a member of the initial hardcore group that could be formed around Germany in 1999, Britain would see its long-term interest rates close towards low German levels. At present, Germany has long-term interest rates of 6.5 per cent, compared with 8.5 per cent in Britain.

Hope on home front

NATWEST has become the latest economic pundit to try to predict house price movements. David Kern, NatWest Group's chief economist, thinks house prices could rise modestly over the next 18 months, although there will be significant differences between regions. NatWest's view contradicts recent reports that house prices will continue to fall for many years. Mr Kern estimates that house prices over the next five years will rise on average by about 4.1 per cent per annum.

Marianne Curphey on resolving disputes quickly

Mediate, don't litigate

Blue-chip companies and small businesses alike are saving thousands of pounds on legal bills by using mediation rather than court battles to solve commercial disputes.

The practice, known as Alternative Dispute Resolution, has been slowly gaining popularity after being introduced to Britain with the support of the Confederation of British Industry in 1990.

It aims to offer a quicker and cheaper alternative to litigation but has encountered resistance from some sections of the legal profession.

Its champion in this country, the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR), is a London consultancy founded by a pyschologist and barrister, Professor Karl Mackie. CEDR, which celebrates its fifth anniversary next month, claims to save companies an average £45,000 per dispute. It will take on disputes involving anything from a few thousand pounds to £200 million. It can settle cases for as little as £350.

British Telecom, one of CEDR's founder members, is among its satisfied customers. It saved £50,000 in costs in just one dispute over alleged unpaid rent of £750,000 in Glasgow, and David Mundell, legal adviser to BT in Scotland, said the process had been "extremely positive". He added: "We settled the case in one day's mediation — drastically reducing cost and management time. I would thoroughly recommend it to others."



Mackie: fees start at £350

CEDR, a non-profit making organisation, has settled within a day many cases that have been dragging through the courts for years.

Andrew Gunn, company secretary and head of finance and systems at Scott Bader Company, said a four-year-old technical dispute over product liability had been resolved swiftly through CEDR with savings of between £30,000 and £50,000.

He said: "The case had been a running sore for us, but we wanted to preserve our business relationship with the company in question. The cost and stress of litigation is overwhelming and I am strongly in favour of mediation." Professor Mackie, chief executive of CEDR, said there had been "considerable initial resistance" to the concept from the legal profession. There is always the dilemma that CEDR cuts lawyers' income, "but we argue that the client goes away satisfied with the outcome and is likely to be interested in repeat business".

He said that it was appropriate for a company to turn to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) when it wanted to preserve a business relationship or reputation; keep the matter private; or is worried about the costs, stress or risks of litigation.

It is not suitable when the other parties have no interest in settlement, or if a company wants the case to be heard in public; to set a legal precedent; or when it needs an injunction quickly to preserve rights.

"It is best to see ADR as a supplementary, 'without prejudice' negotiation," he said. "Litigation and ADR are not mutually exclusive.

"There is a misconception that the process involves meeting the other party half-way. In fact, it gives you the chance to convince them you are right, and the contract signed at the end is legally binding."

In disputes involving sums of less than £50,000, CEDR has a fixed-fee scheme with charges beginning at £350 per party for a day of mediation. Over that amount, charges are likely to be between £500 and £1,500 per day.

WORD-WATCHING

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HUMICUBATION

(a) The act or practice of lying on the ground — particularly in penitence, shame or self-abasement. From the Latin *humus* the ground + *cubāre* to lie down. A haughty office manager: "No, Robin, I am neither intransigent nor dogmatic. All I expect from you is a little common humicubation."

SIALOGOGUE

(b) Something that stimulates the flow of saliva. "Ah, Rachel, at last. A quiet little dinner party like this. Just the two of us, and you the perfect sialogogue."

GNOMIC

(c) Before it meant a small, grumpy underground mannikin in Scandinavian legend, Tolkien and Walt Disney, a *gnomē* was Greek for an aphorism, maxim or pithy, witty saying. So gnomic means either consisting of aphorisms, having the quality of an aphorism, or given to the use of aphorisms. When your sententious boss, of less than average height, returns from holiday and greets you with a grunt, you say brightly: "Ah, you're just as gnomic as ever, I see, Mr Nickleby."

PROCERITY

(a) Tallness, height, likeness to a giraffe or Canary Wharf. You could say to your teenage daughter, who has just pirouetted her stuff for the ballet class's end-of-term performance: "Well done. I think you showed great procerity out there, darling."

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	16.92	15.42
Belgium Fr	49.41	45.11
Canada $	2.225	2.065
Cyprus CypE .	0.756	0.701
Denmark Kr ...	9.38	8.58
Finland Mkk ...	7.37	6.72
France Fr	8.24	7.59
Germany Dm .	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	385.00	360.00
Hong Kong $	12.89	11.89
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1585	4.5085
Italy Lira	2855.00	2500.00
Japan Yen	172.50	156.50
Malta	0.601	0.546
Netherlds Gld	2.681	2.451
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.52	9.72
Portugal Esc ..	247.50	229.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.52
Spain Pta	202.50	189.50
Swedan Kr	11.67	10.87
Switzerland Fr	1.95	1.77
Turkey Lira	refer	74826.0
USA $	1.681	1.551

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5813 (-0.0007)
German mark
2.2562 (+0 0079)
Exchange index
85.1 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2612.9 (+26.3)
FT-SE 100
3526.5 (+18.3)
New York Dow Jones
4769.21 (-19.87)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18506.28 (+593.22)

Preston kicks off in floating game

PRESTON NORTH END ran out on to the Alternative Investment Market pitch last week with a £3.6 million listing, one of three flotations on the smaller companies exchange. Together with SCS Satellite Communications and Meltek, a computer systems company, £8.6 million was raised on the market, which now has a total capitalisation of £4.8 billion.

Ten other companies moved on to the market last week from the now defunct 4.2 trading facility on the stock exchange. The total looks set to breach three figures this week, having reached 97 on Friday.

Julian Palfreyman, a dealer at Winterflood Securities, said that private client stockbrokers — which account for the bulk of activity on AIM — are showing an increasing desire to trade. "There is much more interest to deal each week as the number of companies grows. This week the volume reached a record level following the pattern of the previous weeks."

Firecrest was one of the week's best performers, improving 71 per cent to 65p since Monday after an acquisition of a computer company dealing with the Internet fuelled the fever over high-tech stocks. Ask Central, the restaurant chain, continued to enjoy the excitement which greeted its arrival on AIM and it more than doubled its mid-price opening of 35p to close at 75p.

CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

Mkt. cap (million)	Company	Price (pence)	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
13.40	AMCO Corp	94	...	6.0	10.3
	Abacus Recruit	17	+ 1	...	...
17.48	A de Gruchy	116	— ½	6.0	9.8
5.49	African Gold	6¾	— ¾	...	...
	Albercasle & Bd	13¾	+ 1¾	...	...
36.80	Ann St. Brewery	405	— 5	5.4	11.1
6.13	Ann St Gr Pl	685	...	0.8	...
89.90	Antonov	129	— 5	...	...
	Ask Central	75	...	...	...
	Athelney Trust	55	...	...	...
4.62	Baris Hldgs	18	— ½	...	...
4.30	Belcanto	48	...	...	...
	Bowness Leis	140	...	...	...
	Brown Leis Cv Pf	75	...	...	...
4.26	Brancote Hldgs	43	— 3	...	...
23.10	Brockbank	198	...	4.0	19.8
	CDI Hldgs	113	+ 3	...	...
	CDI Fulmstor Sts	110	...	...	...
3.07	Cafe Jouv	110	— 10	2.3	9.9
8.52	Caledonian Tst	75	...	...	9.1
10.90	Card Clear	55	— 3	...	...
3.74	Cassidy Bros	68	— 2	6.5	9.7
1.87	Cavendish W F	43	...	...	21.8
	Celtic	6750	+150	...	...
	Celtic Pl Shs	6750	+150	...	...
15.40	Cr Communs(TV)	114	— 13	2.4	17.1
13.90	ChefFarmers	38	...	...	...
7.19	Conlates Tst	99	— 1	2.8	15.4
9.99	Country Gdns	55	— 5	2.7	11.6
2.31	Cotry Bdgs Pl	68	— 7	10.5	...
9.34	DBS Management	138	+ 3	5.4	5.7
	Dalkeith Arms	34	...	...	...
32.90	Dawson Hldgs	720	+ 10	5.0	9.6
2.92	Dean Corp	10	...	...	58.5
90.50	Electrophotogics Intl	140	...	...	...
5.62	Euro Sales Fin	125	...	...	...
	Fairbip	210	...	...	...
	Flat Pubs	38	...	...	...
10.80	Pinecrest	65	+ 24	...	28.3
4.65	Floral St	200	+ 15	...	10.9
8.25	Formscan	96	— 5	...	22.4
4.55	Furlong Homes	91	...	3.3	4.8
26.00	Gander Hldgs	9	— ½	...	76.9
8.39	Graduate Apts	38	+ 6	...	45.6
0.27	Grad Apts Wts	25	+ 2	...	...
	Greenalls	19	+ 3	...	...
36.90	Guilton	165	...	3.0	15.0
	Hanson	60	...	...	...
47.70	Hiscox Dad Iss	105	...	0.3	...
	Hiscox Dad p/p	55	...	...	...
	Hiscox Wts	3	...	...	...
11.90	Inner Workings	71	— 2	...	...
18.80	Jennings Bros	290	...	2.5	24.9
	KS Biomedix	101	...	...	...
26.90	Lancashire Enterprises	180	...	3.8	13.7
	Lawrence	295	— 10	3.4	...
53.70	Lawrie Group	2750	—300	3.2	13.9
48.40	Le Riches Strp	200	...	8.0	26.4
	Lighthouse Ass Tax	85	— 5	...	...
21.80	Lon Fiduciary	25	— ½	...	...
8.55	Lorien Grp	159	— 5	...	...
4.12	Meltek	65	+ 2	...	20.6
293.00	Memory Corp	495	— 15	...	...
	Metrodome Films	23	...	...	...
9.49	Micropay	125	— 3	4.0	26.4
17.60	Multikwik	67	...	...	...
22.10	NWF Grp	295	...	3.8	14.2
	Nash (Wm)	150	...	3.3	...
6.58	Neill Clerk	290	+ 31	25.4	12.4
	Neilson Cotthold	205	...	...	...
	Norcity B	63	...	...	...
	Nortronics	68	+ 5	...	...
	Nthmb Res Pips	71	...	...	...
16.10	Nursteg Hldgs	104	+ 1	...	...
8.59	Old English Pub	78	...	3.2	...
5.43	Omnicare	88	+ 3	2.3	14.5
13.10	Omnimedia	72	— 2	...	...
13.30	Pacific Media	1¼	...	...	...
	Pacific Mad Pf	53	...	...	...
7.00	Parr Andean Res	17	— 1	...	...
5.02	Park Ests(Lnr)	210	...	...	...
3.62	Preston Nth E	400	...	...	...
10.80	Rickmans Isaac	16	...	...	...
13.20	SCS Satellite	128	+ 2	...	...
	Scotbeyond Inds	18	...	...	...
	Scott Pride	48	— 7	...	...
12.70	Scrutons	255	...	6.1	10.8
	Silkburr	2	...	...	...
121.70	Southern News	516	— 4½	3.8	14.4
	Southern Yects	66	...	...	...
	Stanford Rose	186	— 17	...	...
9.89	Stormy Fr Inns	98	+ 4½	2.8	11.5
46.80	TRACKER Newsk	895	+175	...	...
4.55	Tele Cred Exr	35	...	...	...
	Tele Cred Wts	35	...	...	...
13.20	Toad	108	...	...	...
	Univest	40	...	...	...
	Utd Auctions	640	— 15	...	...
	VDC	660	+ 15	...	...
21.10	Versailles Grp	8	...	...	15.2
	Voss	165	— 6	...	...
	Waldertran Secs	13	+ 1	...	...
	Wrdd. Secs Wnts	4	...	...	...
1.23	Westmount Entry	15	...	...	...
8.97	W'chester M Mkt	81	— 2	...	...
	Wynnstay Props	180	+ 10	...	...
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UK and France set to join forces in stainless steel

BY COLIN NARBOROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH STEEL and the recently privatised Usinor Sacilor, France, Europe's biggest steelmaker, are considering a merger between their stainless steel businesses that would create a powerful new force in the industry in Europe, according to senior industry sources.

The tie-up would bring together two highly profitable stainless steel makers at a time of boom conditions in the sector. Last year, Avesta Sheffield, British Steel's stainless subsidiary in Stockholm but with production facilities in both Sweden and Britain, showed a pre-tax profit of 1.56 billion kronor (£142 million) on sales of 16.8 billion kronor (£1.5 billion). Its workforce was nearly 8,000.

Usinor Sacilor's stainless steel subsidiary Ugine, which employed almost 12,000 at the end of last year, made a pre-tax profit of Ffr 1.05 billion on a turnover of Ffr 15.9 billion.

Talk of an Avesta-Ugine merger surfaced after British Steel last week paid £12 million to raise its stake in Avesta Sheffield to 51 per cent from 49.9 per cent, even though it already had effective control of the company.

The move came shortly after Usinor Sacilor launched an offer, which closes tomorrow, for the 41.1 per cent of Ugine it does not already own.

Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive of British Steel, said at a steelmakers' conference in Rio de Janeiro last week that he was on close terms with Francis Mer, chairman of Usinor Sacilor. But he said there were no merger plans and that the moves by British Steel and Usinor Sacilor to gain firmer control of their stainless steel businesses "just happen to coincide".

At the weekend, however, British Steel refused to comment on reports of a possible tie-up, describing them as speculative and adding that "no due diligence is in progress at the moment".

But industry sources said the merger would be part of a Europe-wide restructuring that is likely to take place as the industry prepares for the next cyclical downturn.

British Steel firmly denied a report in the Swedish financial press last week that Mr Moffat had a few weeks ago turned down a 7.5 billion kronor (£680 million) offer for British Steel's then 49.9 per cent of Avesta Sheffield. The price was at a 25 per cent premium to the market.

The prospects for stainless steel remain highly favourable, according to Jyrki Juusela, chief executive of Outukumpa, the Finnish metals group that has the world's most cost-effective stainless steel production. He told City analysts on Friday that the average price of stainless in Germany, Europe's key market, was 45 per cent higher in the first eight months of this year compared with last year.

"Uncertainty about the future market clearly increased this autumn," he said, "but strong growth in consumption is, however, expected to continue."

For next year, he forecast lower profit margins but said they would "still be at an attractive level".

Item gives warning on tax cuts

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, faces a large overshoot of his borrowing target and the anger of the financial markets if he cuts taxes in next month's Budget, according to the Ernst & Young Item club (Janet Bush writes).

Weakening economic growth means that the Government's target for the public sector borrowing requirement is beyond reach.

Item, the economics group that uses the Treasury's economic model, said that tax cuts of £4 billion — equivalent to 2p off the basic rate of income tax — would mean the public sector borrowing requirement would rise in the next fiscal year unless other savings are found.

Scholl attack

Rebel shareholders trying to gain seats on the board of Scholl, the healthcare company, have attacked as "a disgraceful use of shareholders' funds" news that the board has hired Kroll Associates, the financial investigation firm, to investigate their backgrounds. Julian Treger, Bryan Myerson and Claudia Perkins are trying to remove the non-executives and take their seats.

Next launch

The Next Group, the high street retailer, has launched a customer service management subsidiary. Ventura claims to be pioneering in Britain what is already a substantial industry in the US. The new business has been created from Club 24, an existing Next subsidiary.

GIL ALLEN



THE 16 rail station convenience stores in the Whistlestop chain have been bought for £7.5 million by Oakhill Enterprises, of which Sean O'Neill, above, is managing director

Watchdogs to rule on independent advisers

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE key issue of independent financial advice and how it is delivered to consumers has been bounced to the top of the City watchdogs' agenda. The outcome could have a direct bearing on how the estimated £4 billion compensation and costs bill for personal pensions mis-selling is funded.

At a board meeting this month, directors of the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator for firms selling direct to the public, planned to have future funding of the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) as the main item.

This is still a big discussion point, with the concept of a voluntary levy on each investment product sold being a favoured option, but the debate over multi-ties could share equal billing.

Independent financial advisers (IFAs) must, by law, give their clients "best advice" having scanned the entire savings and investments market for the product most suited to individual circumstances.

The other side of the coin is the tied-agency system where advisers can only sell the products of one particular life company and that link must be clearly pointed out to potential investors. The idea of multi-ties is a half-way house in that IFAs would form links with a handful of life offices to give a panel of providers. This, however, might be construed as suitable but not best advice.

One senior life industry figure said to be fuelling the multi-tie debate is Sir Mark Weinberg, chairman of J Rothschild Assurance. Robert Browne-Clayton, chief executive of IFA Promotion, a trade body representing 15,000 independent financial advisers, accused Sir Mark of "stirring it up for the sake of it." He added: "This is not helpful or in the best interests of consumers. They are not going to receive best advice if you dismiss companies' products, with whom you have no links."

Newton Scott, a director of Scottish Widows, said: "The public have lost faith in the financial services sector. Under a multi-tie system we would benefit but from the public's point of view it would restrict choice."

Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, in a speech last week signalled that the chief city regulator now believes that the time is right for the multi-tie issue to at least be debated.

Managers aim to buy Hamptons

A TEAM of managers backed by 3i, Britain's biggest investment trust, is favourite to buy Hamptons, the up-market estate agency chain owned by the Bristol & West Building Society. The deadline for offers closed on Friday night (Robert Miller writes).

John Burke, chief executive of the Bristol & West, confirmed that N M Rothschild, the society's merchant bank, was sifting through bids for the 45-strong estate agency chain. In August, Bristol & West closed 24 branches, cutting projected losses of £5 million for the year.

Mr Burke told *The Times*: "I have not seen any of the offers. I have kept at arms length because a potential management buyout is one of them and that raises emotive and business issues. We don't have to sell Hamptons, but I want to concentrate on our core business of mortgages, savings and investment." He added that a management buyout bid backed by 3i was a vote of confidence in the market from the venture capital industry.

Lihir is all that glisters as gold fever grips market

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

THE world's largest undeveloped goldmine, Lihir Gold, looks set to make a glittering debut on the Australian stockmarket today after its A$600 million (£300 million) share offer was stampeded by a new gold rush of frenzied investors.

The strength of demand for shares in the mine, in which RTZ retains a 23 per cent stake, was such that British and other foreign institutions oversubscribed for the offer by more than eight times. The shares available for Australian and New Zealand institutions were about 12 times oversubscribed. Thousands of small investors ended up with no shares at all.

The Lihir goldmine, which will be wholly managed by RTZ, is on a remote volcanic island in Papua New Guinea. It is noticeable not only for its size — it has a resource base of 42 million ounces of gold, enough to sustain operations there for 36 years — but also for the technological difficulties that will have to be overcome to get the gold out.

The company's directors have warned that investing in Lihir Gold involves a high risk, not only because of the difficult geology but also because of the possibility of volcanic activity and political instability.

Foreign institutions have ended up with a 12 per cent stake in the project. Australian institutions are holding nearly 11 per cent and Papua New Guinea investors 6.5 per cent. Niugini Mining, which first discovered the gold deposit, and the Papua New Guinea government each retain a 17.1 per cent stake. Dr Ross Garnaut, chairman of Lihir Gold, said yesterday: "The company now has a strong and diversified shareholder base to develop the Lihir prospect. The Papua New Guinea support is especially gratifying, providing a good base for the company's activities in its home country."

All the proceeds from the float will be used to construct and develop the mine, which is expected to start producing gold in 1998.

Lihir Gold shares begin trading today at A$1.50, the price at which they were allocated to retail investors. Institutions have ended up paying A$1.57 a share, a price that is at the top end of the $A1.32 to A$1.57 range the company originally indicated in its prospectus.

North West Water leads Australian contract race

NORTH WEST WATER is front runner in the battle for the A$1.5 billion (£720 million) contract to run South Australia's water operations. NWW is understood to have lodged the lowest bid of the three shortlisted contenders for the 15-year contract, the first ever awarded in Australia.

As well as running the water and waste-water system in Adelaide, the contract requires the successful bidder to put together a programme to help the South Australian government win work providing water services in Asia.

Two other British companies had been shortlisted, with Thames Water bidding in a consortium with Compagnie des Eaux, of France, and Kinhill Engineering, of Australia, and P&O bidding in a consortium with Lyonnais des Eaux, of France, and Lend Lease, of Australia.

Pension costs set to soar under Labour

BY JILL INSLEY

THE Labour Party is considering changes to its policy on state pensions that could cost the country billions of pounds.

A resolution at last week's conference in Brighton proposed that both men and women should be offered the option of retiring at the age of 60. Currently the official retirement age is 65 for men and 60 for women, although the Government intends to increase women's retirement age to 65 during a 10 year period from 2010.

Under the resolution, the next Labour Government would substantially increase the basic old age pension with the aim of eventually providing a basic state pension worth one-third of the national average wage. This would increase the pension from £58 a week to about £112.

The basic old age pension should also be linked to earnings rather than inflation so that pensioners can share in the economic growth of the country.

The resolution will be considered further by Labour's National Executive Committee. However, Donald Dewar, the shadow social services secretary, says that while the Party is committed to the improvement of state pensions, the resolution is unlikely to be adopted in its entirety.

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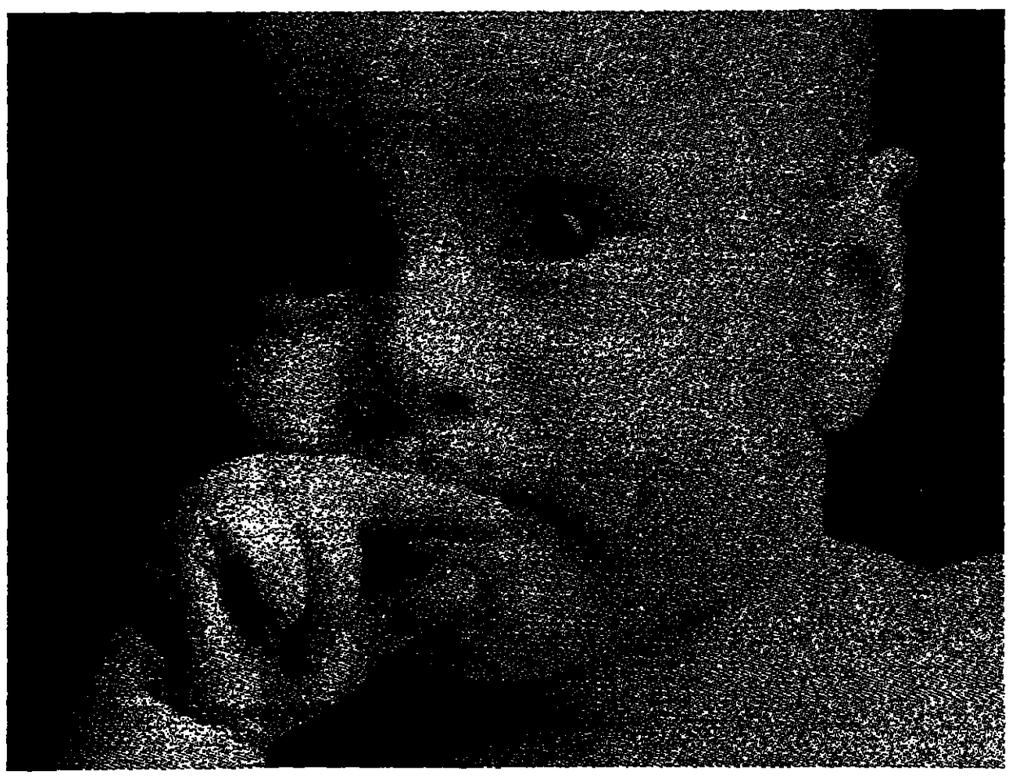
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Tories need a new vision to cut dogma and taxes



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Labour's "deal" with British Telecom to build a national broadband network was scarcely a coup. It has been on offer for years. But ministers, far from embracing a £10 billion private infrastructure investment, effectively stopped BT making it. They preferred to block market forces to encourage local cabling by new competitors. Instead of being halfway to a national information superhighway, therefore, BT is stuck in Carey Street, symbolic home of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. There it is disputing its regulator's power to direct BT customers to subsidise rival firms. Hardly a Tory vote-winner.

That is why the Blair-BT pact will embarrass Tories in Blackpool this week. As floor-crosser Alan Howarth noticed, the party of ideology is spouting industrial commonsense. The no-nonsense party has hobbled itself with dogma.

Sadly, BT is typical. The gas mess is a greater triumph of theory over businesslike commonsense. Not long ago, privatisation looked a great success. As usual, prices were down, service was the best ever and profits were strong. Millions of customers and shareholders seemed content. But ministers and regulators insisted this Tory success story was actually a failure. So theorists were unleashed to remake the market in a perfect new competitive form. Result: customers are angry over poor service, shareholders are angry over Government reneging on its social contract with them. Many poor consumers will pay more than they need, with the usual knock-on rise in welfare spending. Hardly a Tory vote winner.

Theory dogged electricity from the start. Prices still fell, thanks to accelerated pit closures, funded by taxpayers. Things might still have worked, but ministers insisted that electricity bosses be subject, since April, to discipline by the mythical "market for corporate control". The third takeover went through on Friday at four times the 1990 issue price of £285 million, despite management offering shareholders a spare £650 million. City investors have broken the social contract, making Labour's utility levy look small beer.

Public fear of a new gas debâcle made the Cabinet shelve a privatisation the Post Office wanted. Yet the Prime Minister recently cited sales of nuclear power and railways to show his Government had not run out of steam. Private rail initially needs more subsidy, higher taxes. Hardly a Tory vote-winner.

To focus on privatisation is nowadays to accept Labour's agenda. Conservatives need to offer a vision of the wider economy for a fifth term, and to use the power of office to win back votes. Here too, however, ideological correctness too often spoils a good story.

The decisive weapon against inflation was not a monetary theory but, as in the early 1980s, a long, deep recession. Just as manufacturing was permanently damaged by the first recession, so housing and construction were by the second. They now hold us back. It is not just those still stuck with negative equity. Heavy losses by lenders and job insecurity will oblige future would-be homeowners to save much bigger deposits and borrow less. The Budget offers little scope for largess but could help them and the economy:

☐ The Chancellor could announce a new National Savings Housing Bond, paying 8 per cent guaranteed for ten years. For three years, payments of up to £5,000 a year would be tax deductible, like a pension contribution, but the bond could never be cashed, only used to reduce a mortgage or make a down payment to a mortgage lender.

☐ If Tories pre-empted Labour by taxing those electricity windfalls, they could bring forward £2 billion a year of capital projects now snarled up in the Private Finance Initiative. These could be sold to the private sector later. Meanwhile, jobs would be created where they are scarcest.

Most of all, Conservatives need to develop a second-stage economic strategy that builds on the Thatcher revolution and resolves its central flaw. When ministers review ballooning social security bills, they must twig that it is impractical to drive towards totally transparent, free and flexible markets, and then rely on a civilised social security system to look after losers. Means-tested benefits are mushrooming all about. Only the cost of the universal state pension, target of the fatuous "demographic time bomb" theory, is actually falling relative to output.

Neither taxpayers nor the economy can afford periodic bouts of unemployment for all that will keep dole queues at about two million. Steady breadwinner jobs are giving way to low-paid casual or part-time ones that need public subsidy. Market rents push millions into benefits. Abolition of uniform prices undoes private subsidies from rich to poor. Switching taxes to goods may raise incentives but raises benefit spending more.

At last month's Chequers strategy pow-wow, much of the emphasis appears to have been on cutting state benefits and encouraging private provision. Voters can see that is the choice of despair. The next crusade must be to help people who want to provide for themselves to achieve the dignity of not needing means-tested benefits.

The tax system should give companies incentives to hold on to workers and expand, not, as now, incentives to sack people or not employ them in the first place. Tories should not raise tax incentives and taxpayer subsidies for low pay. They should give tax breaks to poorer families, better marriage allowances for single earner families, and for those who live with elderly parents. Greater reliance on the social security system of the family, safer jobs, better pay and lower tax for low-income breadwinners are keys to cutting public spending and taxes. They would also be Tory vote-winners.

Ross Tieman assesses the challenges facing British Aerospace

Life on a wing and a prayer



The future course of BAe, whose regional jets have been a success story, is at the mercy of vital decisions due next year

An orange and white BAe 146 whistles along the runway outside Dick Evans's office window and lifts off towards a milky blanket of high cloud.

Evans, his back to the window, is absorbed in his exposition. "Next year is going to be quite a critical year for us," the British Aerospace chief executive is saying.

From the head of a company whose shares have almost doubled this year in expectation that the remarkable profits recovery now under way will continue, such words sound a jarring note.

But like its increasingly successful regional jet, BAe has only so much headroom before its future course becomes obscured.

Every core area of BAe's business is at the mercy of vital decisions due in 1996: from Airbus, via Eurofighter, to BAe's regional aircraft and perhaps its planned joint ventures in missiles and munitions. In addition, the company will learn whether it has won the £2 billion contract to replace 25 maritime patrol aircraft operated by the Royal Air Force, and whether Europe will come together, with full British participation, to develop a new high-capacity military transport plane.

If the tide of these decisions swings against BAe, the world's third-largest defence company will be condemned to slow decline as government orders dry up. Evans knows he has a daunting task ahead, but he can take comfort from the knowledge that he has already convinced the toughest audience of all, his City investors, that BAe has transformed its prospects through one of the most radical industrial overhauls achieved in Britain.

Four years ago, BAe stood on the brink of insolvency. Big businesses, such as Rover cars, were sold, and a £1 billion write-off swallowed on regional aircraft. Some 56,000 lost their jobs. Slimmed down to a core of military jets, missiles, munitions and civil aircraft, BAe has transformed the way it works to become probably the lowest-cost aircraft-builder in the world.

"The company has gone through a hell of a change," says Evans. "For the first time while I have been in this job, we have got to a point where we genuinely have created a stable platform for the business." But in the cut-throat, post-Cold War climate of global overcapacity in both military and civil aircraft, cost-effective production and a strong balance sheet are merely the prerequisites for survival.

The task now facing Evans and his co-pilot Richard Lapthorne, finance director, is to secure a work-flow into the company's remaining factories that will last until the year 2030 and beyond. That is not an easy task. Product life cycles stretch to 30, 40 or even 50 years. And governments intervene at every turn, subsidising civil aircraft, boycotting military imports, and selling arms themselves to other governments.

Europe's champions, military and civil, are locked in a desperate price war with their American rivals. In spite of BAe's close links with McDonnell Douglas and other US arms companies, it is cast into the European trenches. With fatter research subsidies and a bigger internal market, the Americans know they can go it alone. Benefiting from fewer restrictions on firing workers, they are well advanced in restructuring military and civil industries. BAe may have matched, even outpaced, American rivals with the speed and ruthlessness of its restructuring. But its continental partners have been dreadfully slow off the mark. Daimler-Benz Aerospace is only now facing up to a financial nemesis comparable to that confronted by Evans and his colleagues four years ago.

> Nothing is ever certain in an industry where one year can make or break you

BAe's other key partner, Aérospatiale, the state-owned French concern, will remain in loss-making limbo until Jacques Chirac's new Gaullist Government finds an industrial strategy to fit the economic straitjacket tightening around its military ambitions. That point may not be far away. For the slump of the dollar against the mark and the franc has brought a level of pain the continentals can no longer withstand. That is why 1996 will be the year in which the long-delayed restructuring of Europe's aerospace industry is decided. That is why 1996 will lay the foundations on which BAe's long-term future is built.

One programme stands head and shoulders above the rest on BAe's shopping list: Eurofighter 2000. "We have to get the programme firmly launched in the production phase," says Evans.

No easy task, because of repeated delays by the German Parliament in approving funding. Originally, Germany and Britain were each to buy 250 aircraft and take a one-third share of the £32 billion programme, with a further 250 planes and the remainder of the work split between Italy and Spain. Now the Germans want just 140 aircraft, but refuse to accept a proportional reduction in their workload.

The British Government is pushing for BAe to take management control, in exchange for more German manufacturing. Not a solution that appeals to Daimler.

The next problem is Airbus Industrie. Boeing has streaked ahead in the small passenger jet market this year by pledging to cut the costs of building its 737 series by 10 per cent a year for the next four years.

"What we have got to do," says Evans, "is take 15 per cent off a year over a similar period of time." This, he insists, can and will be done. BAe's partners in the European airliner consortium: Daimler, Aérospatiale, and Casa of Spain, and their Governments, will not give up after investing billions of pounds to create the number two jet builder in the world, after Boeing. But to stay competitive, Airbus will have to be restructured — quickly — from a collaborative partnership into a shareholder-owned company.

As far as regional aircraft are concerned, Europe has far too many manufacturers, all losing money or struggling to break even. BAe, Aérospatiale and Alenia of Italy have agreed to combine marketing of small jets and turboprops in a single business, AIR.

And then there are joint ventures. Britain and France, America's chief western rivals in arms exporting, need to combine industries to achieve the economies of scale enjoyed by American rivals.

Finally, BAe must continue talks to secure a junior role on the American programme to develop a replacement for the Harrier, which will be needed one day by the Royal Navy, and in the collaborative development of a strike aircraft to replace the Tornado bomber.

It is a daunting list. But, thanks to its near-death experience, BAe does seem to have learned how to control costs and focus on its customers. Now it needs the confidence to invest in a new generation of products, an orderly market and stable programmes.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Wrapping up David Jones

FORMER Burton director Chris Tideman has not taken long to make his mark Down Under. One year after becoming chief executive of David Jones, Australia's prestige retailer, word is that he is planning to wrap the group's flagship Sydney store entirely in its trademark houndstooth paper to launch its A$800 million (£385 million) stock market flotation later this year.

Often dubbed the Harrods of Australia, David Jones has marble floors, chandeliers and lifts operated manually by liveried attendants. Its wrapping skills are legendary, with customers often awed by the dexterity of its sales assistants.

Now with 32 stores throughout Australia, the group employs more than 10,000 staff and in the year to July 1995 pushed up profits 25 per cent to A$100 million.

Globe technology

WHAT started as an old-fashioned idea has worked wonders for Vodafone at Telecom 95, the global telecommunications jamboree in Geneva. More than 1,000 companies have exhibits made of steel, chrome, glass, plush carpeting and neon lights. So what did Vodafone do? It built a classic pub. Called The Globe, it has a real thatch roof, a wooden bar, pork pies and Guinness on tap and has been a big hit with visitors. To no one's surprise, Sir Gerry Whent, Vodafone's chief executive, felt at home in the Globe. He likes a pint and recently bought a London pub called the Hamster.

Bowled over

HENRI DE CASTRIES, dashing executive vice-president of AXA, the French owner of Equity and Law, is now convinced his group's sponsorship of colourfully-clad Sunday one-day cricket is getting the brand name across. On a shooting expedition to remotest Scotland he ran into a man who, on hearing that the Frenchman was from AXA, automatically blurted out "cricket". The lingering doubt is that he was probably unaware the company is in insurance.

WHEN people talk about law firms cleaning up, they are usually referring to their fees. Today, however, Theodore Goddard will clean up in different style when it is declared the winner of the Corporation of London's Clean City Awards. The City law firm won top spot for its exhaustive range of recycling schemes, from sending redundant ring-binders to local schools to a daily donation of unopened perishable food to the Salvation Army.

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

Music for high noon

Composer of the Week. *Radio 3, noon.*

I learnt with pleasure that as of today, *Composer of the Week* shifts from its traditional 9am slot to noon. What this relocation means is that I can now recommend *Composer of the Week* in the knowledge that you will have received your copy of *The Times* in time to decide whether or not to take my advice. The first composer to occupy the new spot is Grieg. Tchaikovsky apart, I can think of few composers whose works exercise so powerful a pull on middle-brow punters. Radio 3 has taken out extra insurance to guarantee Grieg's pulling power. One of today's items is his Piano Concerto, always in the top ten of musical favourites.

Football Legends. *Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm.*
News Talk. *Radio 5, 10.05pm.*

This is one of those nights — and they are plentiful — when Radio 5 hits both its targets, sport and news. *Football Legends* offers a profile of the footballer dubbed The Lion of Vienna, Nat Lofthouse, the Bolton Wanderers and England centre-forward. Now 70, and Bolton's president, he still holds the record of goals scored for Bolton — 255 in more than 500 league games. He became a lion by scoring the winning goal in the England-Austria clash in 1952. *News Talk* carries a London interview with General Colin Powell, who continues to tease about whether or not he and his wife Alma are mentally ordering new carpets for the White House. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **4.40** *Judge Dredd* and at **6.30** The Nightly Mix **7.00** The Evening Session **9.00** Apache Indian, live from Manchester **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess, incl at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Dance Band Days **8.00** *Celebration Concert 21 years of the* Radio 2 National Big Band Competition **9.00** Jack Parnell **10.00** Scottish Music Hall **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Notes **1.00** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.05** Gong Bananas **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Rescue on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Football Legends: See Choice **8.00** The Monday Match: Rugby League World Cup **10.05** News Talk. See Choice **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** *Europe Today* **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsday **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** News **8.15** *An Instant in the Wind* **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** Greenfield Collection **10.00** News in German **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *An Instant in the Wind* **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** *Musician's Musician* **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News in German **4.05** Sport **4.15** Concert Hall **5.00** News **5.15** World **5.30** News in German **6.00** Europe **6.30** Business **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** News in German **8.00** *News Summary* **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Faith **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Omnibus **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Ed Stewart **12.45** Development 95 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** News **2.10** Press Review **2.15** Bhangra **2.45** Health **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Inspiration **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Howells (Concerto for strings) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata: Brahms (Viola Sonata in F minor) **7.00** A to Z **8.00** Evening Concert: Music by Berlioz, Lumbye, Parry, Borodin, Purcell, Sibelius **10.00** Michael Mappin **12.00** Tim Lihoreau

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** J.L.Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00 On Air. Elgar (Overture, *Cockaigne Enigma* Variations); Bach, orch Wood (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565); **7.05** Delius (Autumn, North Country Sketches); Bartok (Rhapsody No 1 for violin and orchestra); **8.05** Monteverdi (Laudate Pueri); Mozart (String Quintet in C, K515)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. *Five hundred years of music, beginning with Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice); Haydn (Piano Sonata in E flat; Grieg (Homage March, Sigurd Jorsalfar), Liszt (Mazeppa)*
10.00 Musical Encounters. *Glinka* (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); *Artist of the Week:* Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo. Barber (Hermit Songs); **10.25** Chausson (Poème for violin and orchestra); Anon (*Intrada*); *Schmid (Ein guter neuer Dantaz)*; Paix (Ungaresche); Anon (Sassa imperiale); Schedl (Variations on "Ei, du feiner Reiter"); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); **11.15** *Glinka* (Viola Sonata in D minor); Anon (Ben Com'aos, Cantigas de Santa Maria); Grainger (The Power of Rome)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Edvard Grieg. See Choice
12.55-5.00pm The Afternoon on Three
1.00 BBC Lunchtime Concert live from St John's Smith Square with the Kiev Chamber Choir under Mykola Gobdych Tavener (Sviati) and music by Grechaninov, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky
2.00 Schools The Song Tree **2.15** *Storybox*; **2.25** *Let's Move*; **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra plays Martin Dalby (Tower of Victory); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9)
3.45 Music for Organ. Marie-Claire Alain plays Balbastre (Ou s'en vont ces gais bergers?); Franck (Prelude, Fugue and Variation in B minor); Albert Alain (Carillon de Bougival; Scherzo in E minor, Toccata sur Cantemus Domino); Jehan Alain (Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin; Choral Dorien; Litanies)
4.30 Piano Man: Earl Hines
5.00 The Music Machine (r)
5.15 In Tune. Auber (The Bronzed Horse); Telemann (Double Concerto in E minor); Saint-Saëns (*Piano Concerto No 4* in C minor)
7.30 Fairest Isle: A Vaughan Williams Cycle. Last of the concerts from the Barbican Hall, London, concluding Williams's complete *symphonies. Serenade to* Music; Symphony No 9 in E minor **8.20 Armed with his Trombone.** Gustav Holst pays tribute to Williams; **8.40** A London Symphony (No 2)
9.35 O Wall, O Sweet, O Lovely Wall. Builders talk about their craft
9.50 French Baroque Masters: The viola da gamba
10.45 Mixing It with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30-12.30am Ensemble. Caroline Palmer, piano
1.00-2.00 Night School

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today including half-hourly News **6.55**, **7.55** weather **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News, **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** As It Seemed To Me. John Cole's memoirs (1/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News; Start the Week. Melvyn Bragg talks to Andrew Sullivan about *Virtually Normal*, his new book on homosexuality, Catholicism and the military
10.00 Holy Land Pilgrimage Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM only): Annette Kobak presents eye-witness accounts of key moments in recent European history (3/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour Serial: the final part of *Changes* by Ama Ata Aidoo
11.30 Money Box Live: (0171) 580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz. Ireland v London, with Gordon Gough, Tony Quinton, Irene Thomas, Eric Korn, Peter Stead and Jack Jones **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Wasted Years. Tom Wilkinson stars in John Harvey's novel. (2/2)
4.00 News; Kaleidoscope Lynne Walker investigates CD-Roms
4.45 Short Story: Chocolate Lover A comic love story by Lesley Glaister
5.00 PM with Nigel Wrench and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took is in the chair with *Times* columnists Alan Coren and Jonathan Meades; Andy Hamilton and Tony Hawks (r)
7.00 News; The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. *Technophobe Derek Cooper goes on-line with Internet enthusiast and cook Richard Ehrlich (r)*
7.45 Monday Play: Zinar's Tower by Juliet Ace. In a tower block in north London, a group of *Kurdish exiles quarrel and* reminisce through a long summer's night
9.15 Whatever Happened to . . ? Pinocchio. The wooden puppet who couldn't keep his nose out of trouble. With *Jonathan Taffler*, June Barrie and Andrew Sachs
9.30 Kaleidoscope 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime Live! Into the Heart of Borneo. From the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, Redmond O'Hanlon reads his travel adventure on stage
11.00 No Illusions Managing the Risk Society. A live discussion with economic historian Emma Rothschild, risk adviser John Rimmington, journalist and author Andrew Sullivan and sociologist Anthony Giddens
12.00 News and weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Information. An abridged reading of Martin Amis's novel (8/15)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Macey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

Fine acting, but the play won't fit the box

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Idly scanning the back page of my *Shadow of a Gunman* edition on Saturday, I was struck by an entrepreneurial thought. How about a quiz called *The Prop Quiz*? Contestants could be asked to identify a play (or television serial) by the giveaway list of objects required on set. For example, "Fruit bowl, utility sideboard, answering machine, thick net curtains through which no light shines". Answer (for two points): Pauline Fowler's living-room in *EastEnders*. "Rentbook, milkjug, typewriter, sets of spoons, vase with wild flowers, *bag of bombs*". Answer (for 50 points): Shadow of a Gunman.

Performance returned on Saturday (BBC 2) with a fine production of Sean O'Casey's curious early play — complete with that problematical bag of bombs — and despite some excellent performances, exposed the limits of the possible in televising stage drama.

Kenneth Branagh starred as Donal Davoren, a failed poet sharing a room in a Dublin tenement in 1920, caught up in the republican movement by a case of mistaken identity. Reprising his *Fortunes of War* specs and *Much Ado* braces, Branagh was a miracle in this difficult part — a mixture of comic vanity and raw, despicable cowardice. At the end of the first act, Donal argues to himself that there is "no danger" in allowing his neighbours to think he's a gunman. As he leant against the door and dreamt of the pretty girl who admired his borrowed bravery, Branagh's complacent smile glowed like coal.

What we got on Saturday was a beautifully acted *Shadow of a Gunman*. Stephen Rea was the weak, braggarty room-mate, Shields; Bronagh Gallagher was a bewitching Minnie Powell, the ignorant girl whose passion for patriotic sacrifice ends in her own useless death. But as a play for television, *Shadow* simply cannot work in the way its author intended. Its wilful mix of comedy and tragedy is too much of a dog's elevenses for a medium that sets the tone of a drama along with its colour temperature (in this case naturalistic sepia) and leaves it there. In the theatre, everyone laughs at posturing Irishmen; it's not only allowed but encouraged. On television, however, whispers take over from shouts, and a bag of Irish bombs is just not funny whichever way you look at it.

Branagh is everywhere at the moment, which shows how cruel the fates can be. Currently he also narrates the latest Kevin Brownlow and David Gill series **Cinema Europe: the Other Hollywood** (BBC2), which has the unfortunate distinction of running opposite *Pride and Prejudice* on BBC1, and waves a hankie to all its potential viewers, while a caption in a curly box appears on screen, "Gone! Gone! And never called me mother!"

As might be expected of Brownlow and Gill — famous for their Thames documentaries about American silents — the series is brilliantly researched and edited. The first week was a bit of a scramble, but with last night's film about the Swedish golden age the series settled down to tell its astounding story of neglected masterpieces. *Cinema Europe* makes me ashamed of all those National Film Theatre programmes I formerly tossed aside with a harrumph. Last night's extracts included heart-stopping scenes of pure emotion — deaths in snow figuring largely — and also a curious sequence in which a man was dragged by a reindeer for what appeared to be several miles.

Branagh is a professional narrator who makes light work of names such as "Sjöström", but never sounds quite as enthusiastic as James Mason used to do, in the old days. Otherwise the Gill-Brownlow package has the same reliable script, music, and restored film.

Interestingly, Carl Davis supplies only the title theme this time, but his stand-in has composed huge quantities of incidental music of exactly the same style and quality. The pasticheur has been pastiched! Now there's an irony.

Superb proposal scene in **Pride and Prejudice** (BBC1). Colin Firth's Darcy finally spoke his mind after two weeks of staring in silence at Elizabeth (Jennifer Ehle) with a fire in his heart. Of course, she sent him off with a flea in his ear, outraged by his "ungentlemanlike" manner of proposing, incensed by reports of his high-handedness, and also possibly still coasting on the adrenalin of rejecting Mr Collins. She will live to regret it, however.

Meanwhile, tableaux are not the usual stuff of television drama, but last night's episode provided a perfect set-piece at the Hunsford rectory: while Elizabeth chatted to Darcy's cousin in the foreground, beyond was Mr Darcy pointedly ignoring Mr Collins, who sat at his feet. Such humour is typical of the piece, and anyone who objects that this *Pride and Prejudice* is too funny is beyond help. The first sight of Lady Catherine de Bourgh holding court (Barbara Leigh-Hunt) was a breathtaking composition: tiny seated figures dominated by a vast gloomy painting against which all life must struggle in vain. Leigh-Hunt herself, with Mad Hatter profile and net-curtain turban, was a glory.

Rory Bremner can't be expected to deliver a show every week of the year, but his return to Channel 4 in **Rory Bremner — Who Else?** is a great relief. He is satire's true son, and luckily his Tony Blair is shaping up, too. Fond memories of his John Major conference speech ("They said it couldn't be done. It wasn't") were matched on Saturday. "You ask me what the minimum wage will be," simpered Blair, his eyes like buttons, round and mad. "And I'll tell you. Is that good enough for you?"

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (37083)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (86108847)

9.05 Mastermind Finals from 1972 (r) (s) (3890606) **9.35 The Fanelli Boys** (8786460)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5303064) **10.05 The Rockford Files** (r) (8795286) **10.50 Consuming Passions** (s) (2343441)

11.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2112373) **11.05 Holiday Outings.** Skopelos (r) (2102996)

11.15 FILM: Bridesmaids (1989). *Four women meet for the first time in 20 years.* Directed by Lila Garrett. (Ceefax) (14271422) **12.50pm Regional News** and weather (37269511)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (10903)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (47036538)

1.55 Knots Landing (s) (7103915)

2.40 The Clothes Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7144064)

3.05 The Great British Quiz (s) (8717170)

3.30 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (1044644) **3.35 Oakie Doke** (4249118) **3.45 Dear Mr Barker** (4229354) **4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (6340557) **4.15 Phantom 2040** (s) (1009489) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (s) (2786002)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9945422)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (2237977)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (450199). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (354)

6.30 Regional news magazines (606). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)

7.00 Telly Addicts (Ceefax) (s) (5267)

7.30 Watchdog with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (118)

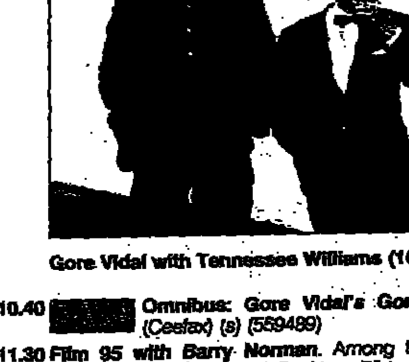
8.00 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s). Followed by **The Nation's Favourite Poems** (4915)

8.30 2point4 Children. Bill and Ben are concerned about their son David. (Ceefax) (s) (3422)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax). Weather (8070)

9.30 Panorama. An investigation into the claim by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, that he is winning the war against crime. (Ceefax) (214644)

10.10 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland (r) (Ceefax) (s) (325286). **Northern Ireland:** 29 Bedford Street 10.50 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland 11.20 Omnibus 12.15am Film 95 with Barry Norman 12.45-2.05 FILM: Born in East LA **Wales:** Rushie (325286) 10.40 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland (306101) 11.10 Omnibus (128793) 12.00 Film 95 with Barry Norman (88687) 12.30-2.00am FILM: Love and Money (64316)



Gore Vidal with Tennessee Williams (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Omnibus: Gore Vidal's Gore Vidal** *(Ceefax) (s) (559489)*

11.30 Film 95 with Barry Norman. *Among the films reviewed are Species and The Neon Bible.* (Ceefax) (s) (99002)

12.00 FILM: Love and Money (1982). Confusing thriller *starring* Ray Sharkey as a young banker who is drawn into the political intrigues of loony tycoon Klaus Kinski. Directed by James Toback (96403)

1.30am Weather (3650126). Ends at 1.35

BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Pandora's Box (35625)

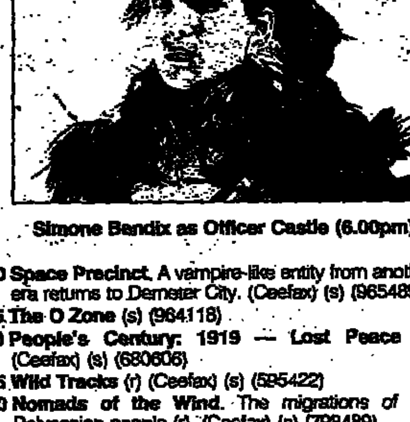
7.00 Breakfast News (8110101) **7.15 Lassie** (9376557) **7.40 Stingray** (r) (1065248) **8.00 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (3492149) **8.25 Songs of Praise** (r) (s) (3346809)

9.00 The IT Collection (s) (5623828) **9.25 Jeunes Francophones** (s) (6990538) **9.45 Square One TV** (s) (6271354) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (1148248) **10.25 You and Me** (2190828) **10.45 Look and Read** (s) (3694793) **11.05 Zig Zag: UK Geography** (s) (5634151) **11.25 Ici Paris** (3985373) **11.40 English Time** (s) (3589170) **12.00 GNVQ** (s) (33083) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (s) (82847)

1.00 History File (s) (81171828) **1.20 Landmarks — Victorian Britain** (s) (81151064) **1.40 Spanish Globo** (s) (91854248) **1.45 Storytime** (s) (26945170) **2.00 Brum** (r) (12784248)

2.10 FILM: Max and Helen (1990). Romantic drama with Treat Williams and Alice Krige. Directed by Philip Saville (487002)

3.55 News (8659712) **4.00 Today's the Day** (847) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (r) (731) **5.00 Oprah Winfrey** (3423538) **5.40** *Unspeakable Verse* (797267) *5.55* **Consuming Passions** (629373)



Simone Bendix as Officer Castle (6.00pm)

6.00 Space Precinct. A vampire-like entity from another era returns to Demeter City. (Ceefax) (s) (965489)

6.45 The O Zone (s) (964118)

7.00 People's Century: 1919 — Lost Peace (r) (Ceefax) (s) (680606)

7.55 Wild Tracks (r) (Ceefax) (s) (595422)

8.00 Nomads of the Wind. *The migrations of the Polynesian people* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (798489)

8.50 Travel Show — Short Cuts: Ibiza (r) (Ceefax) (s) (810538)

9.00 The X Files. The X files have been reopened but Scully is still missing. (Ceefax) (s) (787809)

9.45 CHOICE **Michael Moore's TV Nation.** Investigative series (216977)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (512083)

11.15 CHOICE **Face to Face with Stephen Sondheim** (407847)

11.55 Weather (823151)

12.00 Fast Forward. Comedy sketch show (s) (86229)

12.30am The Learning Zone: The Chemistry of Creation (61478) **1.00 Sexual Selection and Speciation** (85671) **1.30 The Fires of Life** (13942)**2.00 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts** (85215) **4.00 Developing Family Literacy** (47590) **4.30 DOH Special** (73836) **5.00 Pathways to Care** (r) (35132) **5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update** (r) (87958)

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CHOICE

Omnibus: Gore Vidal's Gore Vidal
BBC1, 10.40pm

The 70th birthday of America's "greatest living man of letters" *(the programme's description, but hard to quarrel with)* is celebrated in a two-part profile. If the supposedly egalitarian United States has an aristocracy, Vidal was born into it. You have only to look at the size of the houses he has lived in, not to mention growing up in a political family that has included a redoubtable grandfather, Senator Gore, *and the current Vice-President. If this was not enough,* Vidal was granted a precocious writing talent that led to his first novel at 19 and a seemingly effortless progress through Hollywood, television and the Broadway stage. For a man who has had everything, Vidal can be charmingly self-deflating.

Cutting Edge: Fighting for Breath
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Asthma kills 1,800 people a year and it is on the increase, nowhere faster than in Birmingham where *this film was made during the polluted heatwave of* our recent summer. Clara Glynn, the director, brings home the misery of the disease with contrasting human stories. A father movingly recalls the death of his 12-year-old daughter. Five-year-old Paul is a reminder that the incidence of asthma is three times higher in poor inner-city areas. And there is Debbie, *once a highly paid saleswoman, but now trapped in a* council flat and kept alive with injections. About to be a bridesmaid at her sister's wedding, she is afraid she might not make it up the aisle. Unlikely to marry herself, she tries not to be jealous.

Face to Face: Stephen Sondheim
BBC2, 11.15pm

His father was a dress manufacturer, so easy-going that it ruined his business. Mother was a monster, selfish and materialistic. But if Stephen Sondheim was unlucky with his real parents, he had a splendid surrogate in Oscar Hammerstein. One giant of the American musical stage helped to shape the career of another and Sondheim is duly grateful. Questioned with courteous precision by Jeremy Isaacs, Sondheim is honest and often revealing about his work. He reckons *that he gets better notices in Britain than in the* United States and politely declines to give a verdict on Andrew Lloyd Webber. He also reveals that he has been in analysis for more than 20 years.



Michael Moore on healthcare (BBC2, 9.45pm)

Michael Moore's TV Nation
BBC2, 9.45pm

For the last time in the present series, the scruffiest presenter on television puts on his jeans, sneakers and baseball cap and ventures where no other current affairs programme dares to go. Although Moore's approach is jocular, there is often a serious purpose. Take the Health Care Olympics. Moore's way of measuring the healthcare system of the *United States against provision in the rest of the world.* He finds that although America spends more on health than any other country, 30 million of its citizens have no medical cover. Moore also meets Jack Kervorkian, a doctor who has supported the right of the dying to commit suicide, to discover whether he is the monster portrayed by the American media. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (65354)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5615441)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1158625)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9051606)

10.35 This Morning Magazine show (39490083)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4698151)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9059606)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9067625)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22864977)

1.55 Shortland Street (91111880)

2.20 Blue Heelers (3187606)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6553129)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) (1408070)

3.30 The Slow Norris (s) (4235915) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1026248) **3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants** (s) (4239731) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (8662286) **4.30 Where's Wally?** (r) (2798847)

4.50 How 2 (r) (5171064)

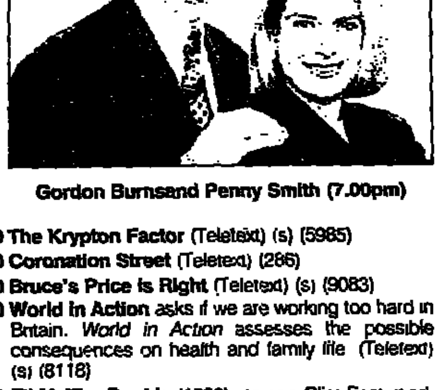
5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale. Followed by **The Missing File** (Teletext) (1184373)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) (784793)

5.55 Your Shout Viewers' opinions (623199)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (422)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (642)



Gordon Burnsand Penny Smith (7.00pm)

7.00 The Krypton Factor (Teletext) (s) (5985)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (286)

8.00 Bruce's Price is Right (Teletext) (s) (9083)

8.30 World in Action asks if we are working too hard in Britain. *World in Action* assesses the possible consequences on health and family life (Teletext) (s) (8118)

9.00 FILM: The Rookie (1990) starring Clint Eastwood, Charlie Sheen, Raul Julia and Sonia Braga. *A veteran police officer has to break in a hot-headed new partner at the same time as trying to break up an international car-stealing ring.* Nasty, brutish and not particularly short. Directed by Clint Eastwood. **Continues after the news** (5354)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (38538)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (268880)

10.40 FILM: The Rookie (Teletext) (3907539)

11.45 The London International Rally (856199)

12.40am Endsleigh League Extra. Followed by **ITN News** headlines (5472958)

1.30 Sport AM. Bob Symonds presents the Volvo German Open golf championship and the final round of the Porsche Supercup (4471381)

2.25 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz (1806300)

2.55 FILM: Tiger by the Tail (1955). With Constance Smith and Lisa Daniely. An American reporter — *Larry Jolson Story* Parks *working in London gets involved in a counterfeiting racket.* Not worth staying up for. Directed by John Gilling (8807478)

4.15 On the Live Side (s) (18532942)

4.35 Best of British Motorsport (24004381)

5.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (39958)

5.30 ITN Morning News (46364) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6991002)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (20644)

9.00 Sabotage (r) (s) (48915)

9.30 Schools: Geography (6278267) **9.45** Book Box (6266422) **10.00** Stage Two Science (2182809) **10.15** Learn Sign Language (8003002) **10.20** Place and People (2186625) **10.40** *The English Programme* (8501441) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2195606) **11.15** The Mix (3981557) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3594002) **11.45** Junior Technology (3599557)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: Pelicans (r) (28151)

12.30pm Sesame Street (97422) **1.30 Gumdrop** followed by **Ivor the Engine, The Magic Roundabout** and **Roobarb** (91116335)

1.50 Pete Smith Specialties (b/w) *Home Maid* and *Fawn Fool* (91110151)

2.15 FILM: Submarine Patrol (1938, b/w) Second World War adventure, with a comic edge. Preston Foster plays a demoted naval officer in charge of a rundown submarine chaser. Directed by John Ford (Teletext) (497489)

3.55 Garden Doctors (r) (Teletext) (s) (6333070)

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (199)

5.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (7248)

6.00 Roseanne (Teletext) (s) (444)

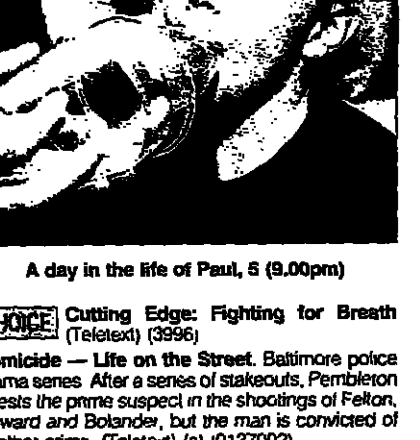
6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper American campus comedy (Teletext) (s) (644)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (608002)

7.55 The Slot Viewers' video soapbox (520118)

8.00 One For the Road. The last of the six-part spoof on *travel and video-diary shows.* Simon (Alan Davies) decides to relax at a Norwegian health resort. Unfortunately it is run by a money-mad American and a Norwegian instructor who models himself on General Patton. (Teletext) (s) (7625)

8.30 Baby It's You The second of the six-part Emmy award-winning series following the transformation of a baby to a child (r). *(Teletext) (s)* (9460)



A day in the life of Paul, 5 (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Fighting for Breath** (Teletext) (3996)

10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street. Baltimore police drama series. After a series of stakeouts, Pembleton *arrests the prime suspect in the shootings of Felton, Howard and Bolander, but the man is convicted of another crime.* (Teletext) (s) (9137002)

11.05 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces highlights of Green Bay Packers v Dallas Cowboys and New York Jets v Buffalo Bills (s) (155422)

12.20am Trans World Sport (r) (9660132)

1.20 Evening Shade (r) (s) (3446958)

1.55 FILM: Lancer Spy (1937, b/w) starring George Sanders in his first lead role, Dolores Del Rio and Peter Lorre. A First World War British naval officer assumes the identity of his German doppelgänger and goes to Berlin to steal the German high *command's war plans. Directed* by Gregory Ratoff (9568855). Ends at **3.15**

4.00-5.30 Schools: Technology for Today (51590)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9067625) 1.25 Home and Away (22864977) 1.55 A Country Practice (47039625) 2.25 Blue Heelers (2383644) 3.15-3.20 Gardening *Time Tips* (3303606) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1184373) 6.25 Anglia Weather (697809) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (642) 11.45 Hunter (856199) 1.20am *Film: Fire and Ice* (436045) 3.10 Sport AM (2121565) 4.05 Best of British Motor Sport (90138671) 4.30 The Time... the Place (66590) 5.00 *The New Adventures of He-Man* (39958)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91111880) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1184373) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (484199) 11.45 Crime Story (856199) 4.15am Jobfinder (8642958) 5.20 Asian Eye (4428403)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9067625) 1.25 Home and Away (81161441) 1.55 Father *Dowling Investigates* (6733625) 2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (8096809) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1184373) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (484199) 11.45 Hunter (856199) 4.15-4.35 Jobfinder (18532942)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (5224557) 1.20 Coronation Street (22885806) 2.20-3.20 Side Effects (3187606) 5.10-5.40 What's My Line? (1184373) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (642) 11.45 Spotlight (123422) 12.15am ITV Sport Classics (2757768) 4.15 Jobfinder (18532942)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Surprise Chefs (1184373) 6.30-7.00 Wales *Tonight* (642) 10.30-10.40 *HTV Wales News* and Weather (268880) 11.45 Street Legal (856199)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (4698151) 12.55 Coronation Street (9067625) 1.25 Home and Away (22864977) 1.55 *A Country Practice* (47039625) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2374996) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (1408070) 5.10 Home *and Away* (1184373) *5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — The* Listings (603335) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (422) 6.30-7.00 Behind the Scenes with Penelope Keith (642) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (268880) 11.45 Short Story Cinema (123422) 12.15am The Powers That Be (2757768) 1.20 Film: Fire and Ice (436045) 3.10 Sport AM (2121565) 4.05 Best of British Motor Sport (90138671) 4.30 The Time... the Place (66590) 5.00 Freescreen (39958)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (4606170) *12.55 Coronation Street* (9067625) 1.25 Home and Away (22864977) 1.55 High Road (47039625) 2.25 Gardeners' Diary (44130286) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8096809) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News (1408070) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1184373) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (54084) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (268880) 11.45 Fair's Fair (123422) 12.15am Love at First Sight (2757768) 4.15 Jobfinder (18532942)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation *Street* (9067625) 1.25 Home and Away (22864977) 1.55 A Country Practice (91111880) 2.20 An Invitation to Remember... the Entertainers (44122267) 2.50 Help Yourself (8477719) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7152083) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1184373) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (377248) 6.30-7.00 Single Minded (642) 11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (856199) 1.25am Film: Operation Dead End (821869) 3.00 The New Music (85089) *4.00* Recollections (90139300) 4.25 Jobfinder (4779836)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (20844) 9.00 *Sabotage* (48915) 9.30 Ysgolion (73199) 9.30 Geography (6278267) 9.45 Iechyd A (9156373) 10.05 Sang-di-fang (2174880) 10.20 Place And People (2186625) 10.40 The English Programme (8501441) 11.05 Encyclopedia Galactica (2195606) 11.15 Penawdau Plenestri (3981557) 11.30 Junior Technology (3594002) 11.45 Junior Technology (3599557) 12.00pm Right To Reply (28151) 12.30 Katie And Orbie (77915) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (23731) 1.30 Profiles Of Nature: World Of The Mountain (78286) 2.00 Garden *Doctors* (7489) 2.30 Film: Anatomy Of An Illness (67866712) 4.15 The Catch (6356118) 4.30 *Masterclass:* Chess (5193286) *4.45* Rocko's Modern Life (5181441) 5.00 5 Pump: Rownd A Rownd (9861460) 5.10 5 Pump: Fiel (8867644) 5.20 5 Pump. Tochabert (8654625) 5.30 Fifteen To *One* (151) 6.00 Newyddion (334793) 6.15 Heno (192606) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (260064) 7.25 Taro *Naw* (1418052) 8.55 Cwpan Y Byd - Canmlwyddiant (475151) 9.45 Newyddion (141828) 10.15 Sgorio (841847) 11.05 The American Football Big Match (155422) *12.20am* Frasier (8249861) *12.50 Friends* (6820377) 1.20 Diwedd (82112923) 4.00 Schools (9509010)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (38967) 8.00 Power Rangers (85460) 8.30 Jeopardy (84731) 9.00 Court TV (75083) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (77731) 10.30 Blockbusters (71267) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (65731) 12.00 Spellbound (95847) 12.30pm Designing Women (14703) 1.00 The Waltons (56098) 2.00 Geraldo (25625) 3.00 Court TV (3064) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (3657354) 4.20 Kids TV (6232441) *5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation* (7644) 6.00 Power Rangers (9118) 6.30 Spellbound (3170) 7.00 LAPD (8373) 7.30 M*A*S*H (9354) *8.00 Saturday Night, Sunday Morning* (4793) 8.30 Revelations (3828) 9.00 Police Rescue (68847) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (38606) 11.00 Law and Order (53998) 12.00 David Letterman (5750126) 12.45am Double Take (7118213) 1.30 Anything *But Love* (22229) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (3441519)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am *Sunrise* (3916199) 9.30 O.J. Simpson (8167267) 10.10 CBS 60 Minutes (8066489) 11.00 News and Business (875151) 1.30pm *CBS News* (38354) 2.30 *The Book Show* (92731) 3.30 Worldwide Report (8248) 4.00 News and Business (28189) 5.00 Live at Five (5286) (6660) 6.30 Tonight (89460) *8.00* News and Business (2335) 8.30 O.J. Simpson (4529809) 12.30am CBS News (66720) 1.30 Tonight (11478) 2.30 The Book Show (1108823) 3.10 CBS *60 Minutes* (4858841) 4.30 CBS News (31720) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (23774)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1834489) *10.00* Robot Wars (1993) (15199) 12.00 The Aviator (1985) (39828) 2.00pm Two of a Kind (1983) (60288) 4.00 Dream Chasers (1985) (9248) *6.00 Robot Wars* (1993). As 10am (86539) 7.30 Close-Up: Fearless (4422) 8.00 Knights (1992) (42267) 10.00 Death Wish V — The Face of Death (1993) (806170) 11.35 Benny and Joon (1993) (121286) 1.15am Appointment for a Killing (1993) (197316) 2.45 The Midnight Man (1974) (605774) 4.40-6.00 Two of a Kind (1983). As 2pm (8979671)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 42nd Street (1933): Musical (61147) 2.00pm Anne of the Thousand Days (1969) (819985) 4.30 Gaslight (1940) (69644) 6.00 The Best of Benny Hill (1974) (10606) 8.00 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958) (15151) 10.00 Jaws 3 (1983) (746199) 11.50 Beneath the Valley of the Ultra Vixens (1979) (399625) 1.30-3.15am Compulsion (1959) (120132)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's New York Adventure (1942) (72828) 8.00 The Last of the *Mohicans*: Animation (26644) 9.00 Fern the Red Deer (1977) (38070) 10.00 Living It Up (1954) (92581) 12.00 All I Desire (1953) (20170) 2.00pm Raising a Riot (1955) (58828) 4.00 The Last of the Mohicans. As 8am (13267) 5.00 Fern the Red Deer (1977) As 9am (2034) 6.00 12:01 (1993) (38064) 8.00 Broken Pledges (1994) (40809) 10.00 Blink (1993) (26731) 12.00 Fatal Beauty (1987) (742497) 1.45am The Music of Chance (1993) (951584) 3.25-5.25 The Philadelphia Experiment 2 (1993) (50421478)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91214625) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13898118) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (59708977) 7.30 Ducktales (59710712) *8.00 Chip 'n' Dale* (24082538) 8.30 Wonderland (24081809) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24005489) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91982793) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13872170) 10.30 *Quack Attack* (24094373) 11.00 Disney Presents (59729460) 12.00 FILM: Menace on the Mountain (13869606) 2.00pm Wonderland (65750625) 2.30 *Umbrella Tree* (23990557) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (65762460) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (23895002) 4.00 Quack Attack (23981809) 4.30 Ducktales (23970793) *5.00 Chip 'n' Dale* (65741977) 5.30 Danger Bay (23994373) 6.00 Tarzan (23991286) 6.30 Dinosaurs (23982538) 7.00 Boy Meets World (65754441) *7.30 Thunder Alley* (23971422) 8.00 FILM. The Monkey's Uncle (25332335) 9.30-10.00 The Lion King: A Musical Journey with Elton John (91809373)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport Special (97354) 7.30 Speed and Beauty (16489) 8.00 Powerboat World (10731) 8.30 Aerobics Oz Style (19002) 9.00 Watersports (45538) 10.00 Opposite Lock (48002) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (20118) 12.30pm Goals on Sunday *(70170)* 2.00 Darts (450731) *4.30 Speed and* Beauty (9199) 5.00 Max Out (4335) 5.30 Beach Volleyball (3151) 6.00 Sports Centre (4444) 6.30 Tartan Extra (8268335) 7.55 *Sports Centre* (786712) 8.00 Boxing: Richie Wenton v Vincenzo Belcastro (93915) 10.00 Sports Centre (21847) 10.30 Tartan Extra (21625) 12.00 Boxing (33768) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (30855)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Golf (59064) 9.30 Equestrianism (21557) 10.30 Cycling (80731) 11.30 Motorcycling (22996) 1.00pm Touring Car (29877) 2.00 BMX (8151) 2.30 Cycling (97016) 4.30 Triathlon (50793) 5.30 Touring *Car* (63731) 6.30 Motorcycling (31844) 7.30 News (5896) 8.00 Speedworld (88085) 10.00 Football (19278) 11.00 Pro Wrestling (91170) 12.00 Eurogolf (22652) 1.00-1.30am News (50584)



Phil Collins in concert on MTV at 8.30pm

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4712625) 8.30 Peyton Place (4711996) 9.00 As the World Turns (6684002) *10.00 Guiding Light* (2180422) 11.00-12.00 Another World (2180286)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Video Trips (4715712) 12.30pm Wide World of Kids (5875996) *1.00 Ticket to* Paradise (2184002) 1.30 Pierre Franey (5874267) 2.00 Getaway (1836712) 2.30 Europe (9864441) 3.00 Australia (4133625) *4.00 Travel Guide* (9855793) *4.30 Zoo Life* (3851977) 5.00 Trailside (1627064) 5.30 Around the World (9875557) 6.00 Europe (9865170) 6.30 Whicker's World (7468335) 7.30 Getaway (9852606) 8.00 Around the World (1623248) 8.30 Travel Guide (1635063) 9.00 Destinations (4141644) 9.30 Whicker's World (5888460) 10.00 Trailside (2304606) 11.00 Globetrotter (4153489) 11.30-12.00 America (4802422)

TLC
9.00am Painting (7366489) 9.30 The Roux Brothers (7932354) 10.00 Our House (1096793) 10.30 Get Well Soon (7355373) 11.00 Only Human (2681731) 11.45 Draw With Don (15496489) 12.00 Psychology (7346625) 12.30pm Jimmy's (7936170) 1.00 The Roux Brothers (9845847) 1.30 Painting (7935441) 2.00 Healing (3514880) 2.45 Draw With Don (9435278) 3.00 Cyril Fletcher (9685731) 3.30-4.00 Our House (7052460)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jossy's Giants (9815606) 7.30 Neighbours (9827441) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7945996) 8.30 EastEnders (7344267) 9.00 The Bill (7368847) 9.30 The Sullivans (7934712) 10.00 Secret Army (9623625) 11.00 Dallas (9843489) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7349083) 12.30pm Neighbours (7945826) 1.00 EastEnders (9814977) 1.30 The Bill (7944199) 2.00 The Sullivans (51610199) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (6175170) 3.00 Angels (3674489) 3.30 Eldorado (7061118) 4.00 Casualty (26199719) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4023422) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (4344460) 6.25 EastEnders (9192847) 7.00 Eldorado (9869170) 7.30 Bless This House (7047538) 8.00 Angels (9875118) 8.30 Alas Smith and Jones (9854625) 9.00 Capital City (1475002) 10.00 The Bill (2048083) 10.35 Special Branch (51279606) 11.40 KYTV (7525115) 12.20am Dr Who (2843039) 12.45 FILM: The Body Snatcher (1945) (35867565) 2.00 Shopping (1867519)

TCC
6.00am Casper (51625) 7.00 Pink Panther (20267) 7.30 Ready or Not (32002) 8.00 Sweet Valley (38151) 8.30 Casper (5708644) 8.45 Dinobabies (5703199) 9.00 Sesame St (86544) 10.00 Tiny TCC (66422) 12.00 Barney (48538) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (73828) 2.30 Madeline (1373) 3.00 Sonic (9286) 3.30 Pink Panther (3118) 4.00 California Dreams (2625) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley (8809)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (9513828) 7.05 Turtles (7229793) 7.45 Rugrats (603083) 8.15 The Ferals (796267) 8.45 Count Duckula (5787880) 9.00 Nick Jr (475335) 12.00 Lunchbox (11460) 12.30pm Pee-Wee (37996) 1.00 The Ferals (94267) 1.30 Dungeons (36267) 2.00 Denver (1625) 2.30 Galaxy High (7977) 3.00 Count Duckula (3460) 3.30 North Wind (2422) 4.00 Turtles (1557) 4.30 Rugrats (8511) 5.00 Clarissa (2977) 5.30 Real Monsters (1793) 6.00 Doug (8606) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid? (2286)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (7048267) 4.30 Earthfile (7037151) 5.00 Lonely Planet (9858083) 6.00 Future Quest (9171354) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (3147426) 7.30 Fight Deck (7038880) 8.00 Untamed Africa (1453880) 9.00 Carrier (1463267) 11.00-12.00 Submarines (9822996)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Man Beast (1957)(25471660) 1.10pm Behave Yourself (2718809) 2.00 The Saint (1091248) 3.00 Robin Hood (9869557) 3.30 The Protectors (7056286) 4.00 FILM: Dr Crippen (1963) (9863373) 6.00 Death Valley Days (7045170) 6.30 Man *in a Suitcase* (1484267) 7.30 Robin Hood (7032606) 8.00 The Saint (1457606) 9.00 Jason King (1460170) 10.00-12.00 FILM *Tommy* (1975)(5294267)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (9884977) 7.00 Living (1241170) 9.00 All Well (7319557) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1521064) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (1237977) 11.00 Young and Restless (4806151) 11.55 Masterchef (6300538) 12.30pm Brookside (4353373) 1.05 Kilroy (6761828) 2.00 Agony (4849625) 3.00 Living (9464996) 4.00 Infatuation UK (9103809) 4.30 Crosswits (7053712) 5.05 Joker's Wild (28215803) 5.30 Bewitched (9116373) 6.00 Esther (9113286) 6.30 Brookside (3890170) 7.05 Infatuation UK (3617118) 7.35 Joker's Wild (6135606) 8.00 Young and Restless (2462977) 9.00 FILM Fatal Judgment (1988) (17028828) 10.50 Entertainment (6810915) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (1238606)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (4731) 5.30 Tintin (230422) 5.50 Batman (303625) 6.25 Catchphrase (366354) 7.00 Keyhole (1267) *7.30 The Fall Guy* (54793) 8.30 Home to Roost (9422) 9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair (37373) 10.00 Busman's Holiday (49267) 10.30 Moonlighting (50539) 11.30 Batman (80151) *12.00 The Fall Guy* (71942) 1.00am Zorro (87652) 1.30 Rhoda (67377) 2.00 Moonlighting (52136) 3.00 Rhoda (70316) 3.30 Zorro (77300) 4.00 The Wonder Years (65565) 4.30-5.00 *The Black Stallion* (71045)

MTV
6.00am Wildside (88248) 7.30 The Grind (34460) 8.00 3 from 1 (9729538) 8.15 Wildside (9002267) 9.00 VJ Maria (687719) 12.00 Soul (78267) 1.00pm Greatest Hits (87915) 2.00 Music Non-Stop (94354) 3.00 3 from 1 (5225248) 3.15 Music Non-Stop (6870002) 4.00 Cinematic (3627538) 4.15 Hanging Out (7498070) 5.00 News (1656606) 5.15 Hanging Out (5356625) 5.30 Dial MTV (4847) 6.00 Hit List UK (25538) 8.00 Greatest Hits (2373) 8.30 Phil Collins Rockumentary (1880) 9.00 MTV Unplugged With Phil Collins (39731) 10.00 Real World London (41625) 10.30 Beavis and Butthead (50373) 11.00 News (693712) 11.15 Cinematic (683335) 11.30 Reggae Soundsystem (99809) 12.00 The End? (14478) 1.30am Night Videos (3469720)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2183373) 9.00 Cafe (1802847) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5896489) 1.00pm Vinyl Years (5872809) 2.00 Jimmy Nail (4816625) 3.00 Into the Music (2457538) 6.00 John Lennon (5885373) 7.00 VH-1 for You (2307793) 8.00 Album Chart (2327557) 10.00 Backtrack 1970 (4725199) *10.30 Planet Rock Profiles* Bon Jovi (4734847) 11.00 The Nightfly (4136002) 1.00am Prince Naseem (5324623) *2.00 Dawn Patrol*

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am to 7pm**

ZEE TV
7.00am *Asian Morning* (57521719) 8.30 Public Demand (82089489) 9.30 Hero Kal (45841139) 10.00 Fashkool (32162593) 11.00 Galaxzee (99370847) 11.30 Filmi Chakker (99048248) 12.00 Campus (54048489) 12.30pm Khana Khazana (45845915) 1.00 Hindi FILM (40388151) 3.30 Ras Barse (10396002) 4.00 *Chakravyuha* (10384809) 4.30 Junglee Toofan (10373793) 5.00 Zee Zone (66095828) 5.30 Professor Pyarelal (10397373) 6.00 Campus (10394286) 6.30 Zee and U (10385538) 7.00 Parampara (97288793) 8.00 News (66084712) 8.30 Yule Love Stories (66003847) 9.00 Hindi FILM (38531335) 11.30-12.00 Kangle Parade (23301118)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
8.00pm Nancy Goes to Rio (1950) (21924538) 10.00 Dream Wife (1953) (32504354) 12.00 Kiss the Other Sheik (1965) (12928652) 1.35am A Kiss in the Dark (1949) (34078861) 3.10-5.10 Kiss Her Goodbye (1958) (91961213)

CNN/QVC
CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel

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Clarke sees scope for income tax cuts in Budget

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN WASHINGTON

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday gave his strongest hint to date that a cut in the standard rate of income tax would be announced in next month's Budget.

Speaking in Washington at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund, the Chancellor rejected the view expressed last week by IMF staff that Britain was in danger of "slippage" in its efforts to reduce the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSBR).

Mr Clarke highlighted what he saw as the favourable economic prospects in Britain and most of the rest of the world. Although the Chancellor conceded that recent PSBR figures had been disappointing because of shortfalls in government revenues caused by the slowdown in the economy, he said that tax cuts should be achievable provided he could rein in the Cabinet's plans on public spending.

He also indicated that his top priority in using any available fiscal leeway would be to cut the marginal rate of income tax, in accordance with the Tories' longstanding pledge to reduce the standard rate towards 20p in the pound.

His comments indicated that other concession demanded by Tory backbenchers, such as a restoration in the level of personal and marriage allowances, or help to the housing market, were very unlikely in the Budget.

"We will return to our agenda of cutting marginal rates of tax as and when the opportunity affords," said Mr Clarke. "I have always taken the view that there will be room for tax cuts only if we have control of public spending but we are well on course for that in the medium term."

Mr Clarke said, however, that no decisions had yet been taken on the shape of the Budget and Treasury officials stressed that tax cuts were by no means a foregone conclusion. Everything depended on the outcome of the public spending round, which will enter its most important stage next week, after the Tory party conference, when the Cabinet's EDX committee starts to arbitrate between the individual government departments' spending bids.

Mr Clarke's confident comments echoed an optimistic assessment of the world economy and international financial markets by the Group of Seven finance ministers, who met in Washington on Saturday. The G7 meeting, which was said to be one of the most relaxed and consensual in recent memory, apparently had no serious concerns about economic prospects in America or Europe.

On currency markets, the finance ministers and central bankers seemed to take the view that enough had been done to achieve an "orderly reversal" in the dollar's decline. Although many currency dealers were concerned that the G7 might mount another concerted effort to boost the dollar or help the beleaguered French franc, there was no indication that any such action was planned.

The G7 communique said: "The G7 welcomed the orderly reversal in the movements of the major currencies that began following their April meeting. They would welcome a continuation of these trends consistent with underlying economic fundamentals. They reaffirmed their commitment to reduce imbalances and to co-operate closely in exchange markets."

Most of the ministers and officials took pains to avoid any further comment on the sensitive currency issue.

The G7 called on the IMF and the World Bank to urgently study what financial help Bosnia might need once a comprehensive peace is achieved.

Rich reward at Coal Investments



Malcolm Edwards, right, Coal Investments' chairman, at Britain's thickest coal seam, 17 feet wide, which the company is opening at Keresley, Coventry. The seam requires Britain's highest hydraulic roof struts and biggest coal shearer. CI, which took over some British Coal assets, hopes to build up to annual output of 2 million tonnes

Funds aim to sell UK shares

THE stock market could be in for a bumpy ride in coming months after a survey from Smith New Court, the broker, showed that for the first time in five years most fund managers are now sellers of UK shares. Only five months ago, a sizeable majority was looking to increase stakes. The gloomy view of the stock market now comes courtesy of a Gallup survey on behalf of SNC.

A balance of 3 per cent of managers were looking to reduce their exposure to UK equities. Only last May, a balance of 29 per cent were looking to raise exposure. In the latest survey, 89 institutions took part, handling funds totalling £1.4 billion. The engineering sector is currently most in favour, while the building and construction industries are the most unpopular. Managers are much more favourably inclined to the Japanese stock market.

Flotations fall

THE number of companies floating on the stock market has plummeted from the high levels last year in spite of buoyant market conditions, and a pick-up is unlikely before early next year. Even then, levels are unlikely to match those of 1993 and 1994. During the first nine months of the year, there were 61 flotations raising £1.8 billion compared with 177 new issues raising £7.7 billion for the corresponding period in 1994, according to KPMG, the accountancy firm.

BT denial

BT has denied a report that it has had talks with The News Corporation about creating an alliance to dominate the information superhighway. No talks were taking place, a spokesman for the telecoms company insisted. BT and News Corp, ultimate owner of *The Times*, are linked through MCI, the US telephone company that has 13 per cent of News Corp and in which BT has a 20 per cent stake.

North West set to lift Norweb bid

BY MARTIN WALLER

NORTH WEST WATER is this week expected to step up its battle for control of Norweb, the Manchester regional electricity company, by raising its offer to £1.8 billion.

Last week, the two Texan companies that are North West's rivals for Norweb's hand trumped an earlier offer for the company, raising their bid to £10.85p a share. Norweb shares ended the week at £10.83, but the City is convinced that North West's chairman, Sir Desmond Pitcher, will not walk away from the fray.

A higher offer would be the fourth for Norweb since the bidding war erupted in the electricity sector this summer and is likely to be pitched as a knockout blow. North West could therefore add another 50p to its bid, some analysts believe, which would again include a cash-and-shares package and would ensure the Texans do not decide to make a higher bid. Their last offer was not accepted by Norweb's board, which is clearly looking for a higher price from North West.

The latter's plans include a merger of the two companies' service businesses, which could provide cost savings of £40 million or more, the City believes, and this is driving the bid.

Such cost savings would not be available to the two Texan companies. But by forcing a higher offer out of North West, they could walk away and still avoid losing face in front of their American shareholders.

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Lloyds coy over talk of £3bn takeover in financial sector

BY ROBERT MILLER

LLOYDS BANK, Britain's fourth largest high street clearer, has refused to deny speculation that it is within a couple of weeks of announcing a £3 billion takeover deal. Likely targets could include other banks, building societies or insurers.

It is understood that Lloyds, advised by ING Barings, its merchant bank, has prepared merger documents between two financial services groups, codenamed Paradise and Leeds, to create a financial services combine worth £12 billion. Lloyds generally tags top secret projects with a codename. Its recent campaign to introduce more flexible opening hours in some of its 1,800 branches, was, in its early stages, codenamed the Martini plan. This was based on the drinks advertising slogan "Anywhere, anytime, anyplace".

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, who is to remain in his post until the end of next year, has made no secret of the fact that Lloyds is still interested in further acquisitions to add to its recent £1.8 billion cash takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society. Lloyds also looked at the books of National & Provincial before the building society was bought by Abbey National. Lloyds has also in the past made failed bids for Standard Chartered and Midland.

Any deal involving a building society would be through C&G, with the necessary financial backing provided by Lloyds. The societies that fit the £3 billion description are Nationwide, Alliance & Leicester and the Woolwich.

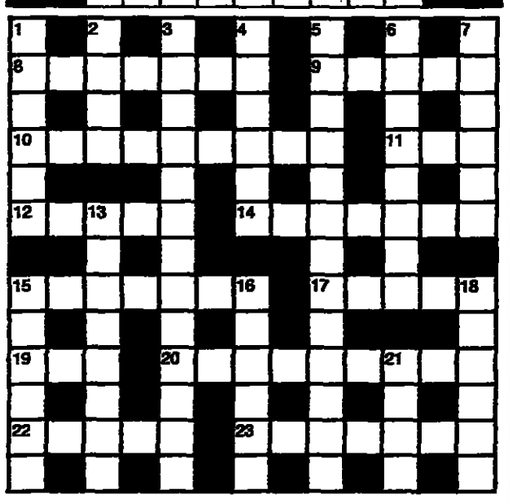
A Woolwich spokesman said: "We have had no approach from Lloyds Bank either formally or informally. We have made no secret of the fact that we are considering a number of options and conversion to plc status is one of them. The board has made no decision as yet."

Nationwide, which also held early discussions with N&P, said: "We have not received an approach from Lloyds and we have no plans to merge or convert."

If the possible target is a life office, the deal will be done through Lloyds Abbey Life.

An early indication of how serious the secret Lloyds deal is could come in the next few days. If stock market speculation continues to mount, the bank may be forced to make a statement through the Stock Exchange.

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7 Being dealt with (2,4)
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Vodafone aims to raise French stake

BY ERIC REGULY IN GENEVA

VODAFONE intends to double its stake in SFR, France's second largest mobile-phone company, and is expected to announce by December whether it is taking full control of Talkland in Britain.

Vodafone, Britain's largest mobile-phone company, bought 10 per cent of SFR two years ago for about £110 million and wants to exercise its option next year to acquire another 10 per cent.

SFR has 140,000 subscribers and is the main rival to France Telecom's mobile-phone business. Vodafone wants a bigger stake because it believes that mobile-phone penetration in France — less than 20 per cent of Britain's levels — is set to grow sharply.

Buying more of SFR is part of Vodafone's new strategy of taking a larger stake in its foreign investments. In the past, it was more concerned with bidding for as many foreign mobile-phone licences as possible but all the major licences have now gone.

Societe Générale des Eaux, with 35 per cent, is SFR's biggest shareholder. It also owns two-thirds of Talkland, the third largest mobile-phone service provider; Vodafone owns the rest. The French company has told Vodafone that it wants to sell its equity in Talkland and has given Vodafone the right of first refusal.

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ScottishPower pays £16m for Ionica rights

SCOTTISHPOWER, fresh from its £1.1 billion successful hostile takeover of Manweb, is paying £16 million to Ionica, the Cambridge telecoms group in return for the right to use Ionica's wireless telephony equipment in Scotland (Martin Waller writes).

Ionica, which plans a stock market flotation by the end of 1996, refused to discuss the deal. But Nigel Playford, managing director, did confirm a deal had been struck with an unnamed new partner.

ScottishPower is keen to build its telecoms business and has formed Scottish Telecom, a subsidiary, for the purpose. Ionica is unique among fledgling telephone groups struggling to emerge from BT's shadow because it has chosen digital radio broadcasting rather than land lines.

Search begins for new chief of GEC

Weinstock to go next year

BY MARTIN WALLER

GEC has formally launched a search for a successor to Lord Weinstock, one of Britain's most successful post-war businessmen, who has confirmed he will be retiring as managing director next year.

The 71-year-old Lord Weinstock has tantalised the stock market with his intentions since last year, when he said he would spend another two years at the group he largely created. Lord Weinstock is an expert at the finelycrafted but non-committal phrase, and outsiders noted that his words did not automatically preclude an extension of his rule.

GEC shares were rising sharply last week on hopes of a management shake-up, and another jump looks likely this morning in response to the latest twist, contained in an interview in *The Sunday Times* with Lord Prior, the GEC chairman.



Weinstock: 32 years at top

Lord Weinstock, a lover of racing and music, commands respect in boardrooms up and down Britain. But critics have said his extended valediction has undermined GEC's share price and has prevented decisive action, such as the long-rumoured bid for British Aerospace.

He joined Radio & Allied Industry, the company that became GEC, in 1954 at the invitation of his father-in-law and became managing director in 1963, setting the group on course for growth through numerous acquisitions.

GEC has now drawn up a shortlist of candidates for his post from both inside and outside the company. Not on the list, it is thought, is Lord Weinstock's son Simon, 43, who has been seen as an eventual successor.

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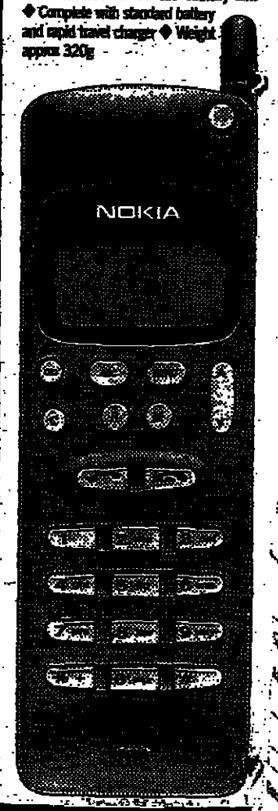
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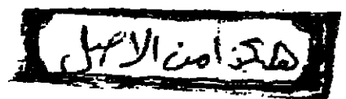
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Government and Serbs remain optimistic about US-sponsored truce

Bosnia combatants fight for advantage ahead of ceasefire

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

BOSNIA'S battlefields showed no signs of a truce yesterday as the warring factions fought for territory before the frontlines are frozen by an impending ceasefire.

Heavy fighting between the Bosnian Army and the separatist Bosnian Serbs broke out, with heavy artillery, rockets and cluster bombs being used. The Bosnian Serbs said the ceasefire was being endangered by the intervention of 4,000 troops from Croatia.

In central Bosnia, six people were killed and up to 30 were wounded when a cluster bomb, presumably fired by Bosnian Serb forces, hit a refugee centre in Zivinice, about five miles south of the United Nations "safe area" of Tuzla, according to a UN spokesman. Tuzla airbase and the town of Banovici, both UN bases, were also shelled but no casualties were reported.

But in spite of the fierce fighting, which is common before a ceasefire, the Bosnian Government and Bosnian Serbs remained optimistic that the American-sponsored ceasefire would begin, as scheduled, at one minute past midnight tomorrow, or as soon as gas and electricity are restored to Sarajevo.

While Bosnia's President Izetbegovic said it was unlikely the ceasefire would be implemented on time because of technical problems in restoring utilities to Sarajevo, Haris Silajdzic, the Prime Minister, said purely technical matters would not hinder it.

In the northwest, heavy fighting raged around Bosanska Krupa and the confrontation line running south from Otoka in the Bihac pocket to Kljuc. Worried that the Bosnian Army would lose more territory to a Bosnian Serb counter offensive near Bosanska Krupa, Croatia sent 4,000 troops into Bosnia to back up the government soldiers, UN officials said. A communiqué issued by the Bosnian Serb parliament said: "The presence of new Croat troops threatens to endanger the ceasefire."

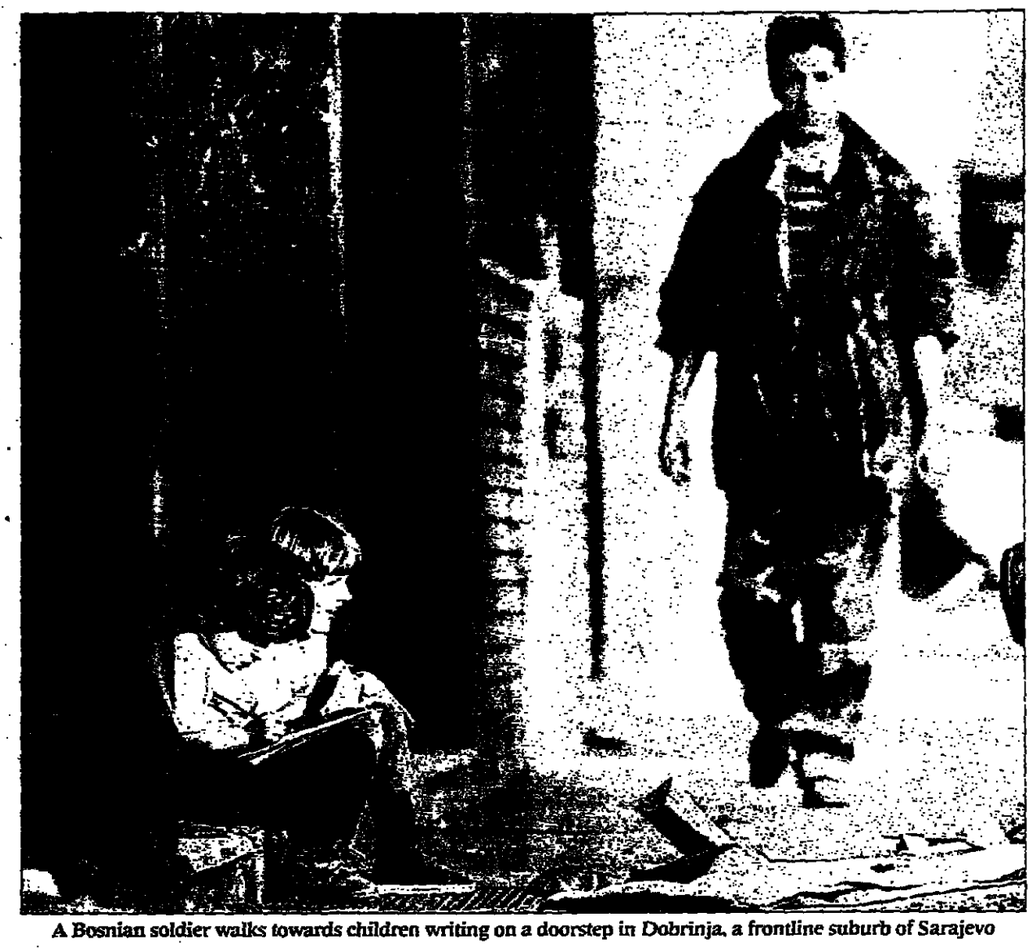
The Bosnian Army claimed the Serb forces were being aided by paramilitary forces from Serbia led by Zeljko Raznatovic, otherwise know as "Arkan", who is accused of some of the conflict's worst war crimes. Bosnian Army officials said they wanted to continue to push north from Kljuc along the Sana River towards Sanski Most, Prijedor and Bosanski Novi.

In northern Bosnia, government radio reported that the Bosnian Army had captured 20 square miles of land around Mount Ozren and were advancing towards Doboj.

The Serbs continued to expel Bosnian Muslims from Serb-controlled territory. More than 450 Bosnian Muslims, mostly women, children and the elderly, were forced to cross a river to avoid a minefield as they made their way towards government-controlled territory. Two women were reported to have drowned.

☐ **Geneva:** William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said there had been "substantial progress" in talks yesterday with Pavel Grachev, Russia's Defence Minister. But he said Russia wanted to participate in the peace force, and "there are difficult questions to be worked out, particularly on the issue of command and control." *(Reuter)*

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A Bosnian soldier walks towards children writing on a doorstep in Dobrinja, a frontline suburb of Sarajevo

Foes form alliance to clear landmines

BY STACY SULLIVAN

TROOPS from opposing armies in the Bosnian conflict worked together to clear mines around an electricity line leading to Sarajevo yesterday.

The Bosnian Government demanded that electricity and gas be restored to the capital as a pre-condition to a ceasefire. But one of the main electricity lines running across the front lines through a Serb-controlled pocket into Sarajevo was mined and badly damaged by the past 43 months of war.

The Government and its Bosnian Serb enemies agreed to repair the electricity line to return power to the capital, but the battle lines made repairs difficult. Separating the front lines is the strategic hill of Kokoska, 12 miles west of Sarajevo. The Bosnian Army, the Bosnian Croat Army and the Bosnian Serb Army each mined their side of the hill to protect their territory, making repairs a dangerous mission.

As opposing armies went to work yesterday clearing mines, United Nations medical support teams stood by in case any of the soldiers were wounded. UN monitors said all mines were cleared and repairs could begin today, just one day before a ceasefire is due to take effect.



American plan will lead to partition

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

DRIVEN by the Clinton Administration, the momentum for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina has given rise to hopes that, after 42 months of horrific war in which more than 100,000 people have been killed, the country can again become a sovereign, multi-ethnic state.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

What is being engineered by the Americans is a peace formula that eventually will lead to effective partition of the country, with the Bosnian Serbs inextricably linked to Serbia and the Bosnian Croats allied to Croatia. Bosnia's Muslims will find themselves squeezed between the two with only limited influence over their future.

The tragedy is that, without the Americans, Bosnia would still have no hope for a peaceful future while, with the Americans and the extraordinary diplomatic pressure that only a superpower can apply, the country's leaders are being persuaded to accept a settlement that will consign the state of Bosnia to history.

Despite the failure of the previous 34 ceasefires, there are few people who doubt that the latest, due to begin at a minute past midnight tomorrow, has the best chance of success. However, there is too much hatred for the Serbs, Croats and Muslims to live happily as neighbours.

The only exception is Sarajevo, the capital, where the Serb, Croat and Muslim populations have struggled throughout the war to retain a multi-ethnic identity. Elsewhere in Bosnia, the memories of ruthless ethnic cleansing will ensure that whatever land is granted by the peace map, it will need Nato's might to keep the peace, perhaps for years.

When the leaders of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia signed up to the principles of a peace settlement in Geneva last month, the Bosnians eagerly pointed out that the sovereignty of Bosnia would be maintained. But, as Larry Hollingworth, former aid chief for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Bosnia, said yesterday, that is an illusion; the days of a multi-ethnic society in Bosnia are over.

Ethic cleansing has been carried out on such a vast scale that the concept of a multi-ethnic society is irrelevant. Washington's plan allows for refugees to return to their homes but, even with Nato to monitor compliance, there are unlikely to be many families prepared to risk the journey.

In three weeks the Americans have achieved more than the combined efforts of the Europeans in more than three years; and none of those involved, particularly Richard Holbrooke, the indefatigable US Assistant Secretary of State who won agreement for the ceasefire, would accept that Bosnia is facing partition. But, in reality, that is what the three sides will be signing up to when they finally agree to peace.

SUMMARY

Yeltsin dismisses zealous law chief

Moscow: President Yeltsin dismissed Aleksei Ilyushenko, the acting prosecutor-general, after accusations that he was cracking down too hard on the Kremlin leader's critics.

Mr Yeltsin signed decrees relieving Mr Ilyushenko of his duties at the top of Russia's judicial system and replacing him with Oleg Gaidanov, a deputy. The decision is likely to be seen as a move to get rid of a supporter with a tarnished reputation before elections in December.

Last night Mr Yeltsin faced growing pressure to impose a state of emergency on Grozny, the Chechen capital, after a bomb injured his military commander there. Lieutenant-General Anatoli Romanov, who was flown to Moscow for emergency hospital treatment after Friday's attack, was unconscious and breathing with a respirator. *(Reuter)*

Russians win G7 debt help

Washington: Russian officials won Western praise for their economic reforms and a promise of help to reschedule billions of dollars in debts. Tatyana Paramonova, the acting central bank governor, said there would be no seasonal jump in inflation. "Things are getting better," she said before joining finance ministers and central bank heads of the Group of Seven industrialised countries. *(Reuter)*

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President stable

Skopje: A team of French eye specialists has arrived to examine President Gligorov of Macedonia, injured by a car bomb, before he has an operation on his right eye. His condition is stable after a brain operation at Skopje Medical Faculty. *(AFP)*

On the run

Hanover: Police in northern Germany are hunting seven "extremely dangerous" convicts who escaped from a prison gymnasium dressed like joggers in track suits and training shoes. *(Reuter)*

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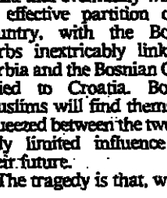
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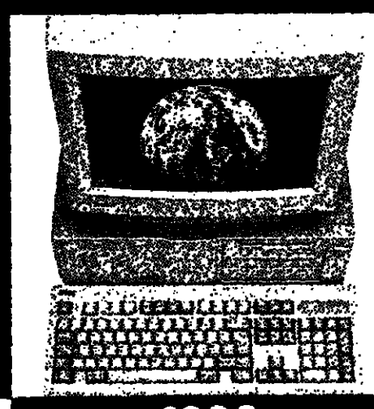
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More of Eddie Izzard's musings as the comic opens at the Shaftesbury Theatre

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Let's not argue over money

ANDRE CAMARA



Lord Gowrie: "The international reputation of the arts in this country is very high and we are proud to play our part in maintaining it".

Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, replies to Richard Morrison's criticisms of the way cash for the arts is administered

Richard Morrison's case against the Arts Council (September 30), based on our annual report, contains one important and valuable criticism. This is the confusion caused both in reality and in public awareness by the distinction between capital and revenue spending under present National Lottery guidelines. We are a slightly schizophrenic group, who are living, thanks to the success of the lottery, the life of a vicarious billionaire where buildings and restorations are concerned while never quite knowing where the price of the next meal is coming from.

This is our own fault, as the arts, not Government or Parliament, demanded the distinction in the fear that the Treasury would pull the annual grant because of the lottery, leaving us no better off than before, and a long overdue attention to plant and infrastructure would be postponed again.

It is a pity that Mr Morrison, an experienced commentator who cares about the arts, has obscured this real *concern by papering it over with* information divorced from its context, faulty analysis and the heavy sarcasm of a schoolmaster in a *Carry On* film. *My 15* colleagues on the council, as well as the other regional arts boards chairmen, would laugh their socks off at the idea of the council being some kind of fiefdom of my own. Tell that to Richard Rogers or Trevor Nunn, Thelma Holt or Christopher Frayling, to name only four.

Of course, I indulge in fantasies from time to time — as I suspect do they — of the new Athens that will emerge when *I am given a five-year run, all the* money and about a dozen hand-picked and very highly paid people. But fantasy is not, thank goodness, the same thing as an imaginative collective effort to wrestle with problems, present the solutions we can achieve to Parliament through an accountable minister, and win all the support we can for the talented people and the cultural industries that we serve.

I confess it did make me angry that *Mr Morrison chose to maudlin the* praise for the achievements of our artists, in my foreword to our report, with self-congratulation on behalf of the council. Making the beds and doing the washing up is part of our role and contributes to domestic happiness. They should not be confused with the big issues of life and love.

Before returning to the substantive charge, let me clear away Mr Morri*son's confusion. He argues that bu*reaucracy swallows money voted for the arts. The figure of £7.6 million for staffing and administration represents 4.1 per cent of the council's core income. This is highly competitive with all public bodies and most charitable trusts. Last year (the secretary-general Mary Allen's and my first year) we reduced our core costs by more than £500,000 and our staff by 18. This *horrible job occurred at a time when* the lottery required that we add a whole new department, and though the lottery pays for its own staffing, there are knock-on costs to the rest of the organisation. Mr Morrison should not sneer at the dedicated and in no sense generously paid staff who do the work. Parliament, the public accounting system and our royal charter require. We also make heavy demands on our council, many of whom chair subcommittees. All of us are unpaid. The international reputation of the arts in this country (and their contribution to overseas earnings) is very high and we *are proud to play our part in maintain*ing it.

Mr Morrison questions the fact that among the council's 200 advisers (again unpaid, incidentally) are practitioners whose organisations receive grants. That is liable to happen if you have practitioners, as distinct from civil servants. My experience is that the *more practitioners we have, the greater* trust we inspire in the world of the arts. No advisers participate in decisions relating to their organisation and there is a strict ethical and procedural code.

Last year the council's own grant from government was cut by 5 per cent. This was the first cash cut in its history and it applied, uniquely and inequitably, to England alone. I understand present public spending imperatives *which, as we learnt from Gordon* Brown at the Labour Party conference, do not apply to just one party-political agenda. We are not, like Oliver Twist, asking for more. We are seeking restitution, because a cut of that kind has annual incremental effects, not least on the slight reduction in earned income. Our report suggests an increased number of attendances for all art forms. Attendances at contemporary art galleries, for example, soared. At the Serpentine Gallery they doubled, Brian Sewell notwithstanding. Because of the lottery, there is not a shortage of demand for the arts, nor even an acute shortage of money. There is an imbalance, a damaging one, in the supply of funds for distribution.

Here lies the serious complaint, the nub of the criticism. I agree with it. I have started discussions with the *Secretary of State, Virginia Bottomley,* who does have the power to modify the lottery guidelines, on how we may avoid the farcical, but very real, danger that large cheques will be issuing from our capital account while orchestras and theatres and dance companies and galleries suffer, or even close, through lack of current funding.

She is well appraised of the position, as is the Shadow Secretary, Chris *Smith. But it is even more important* that all of us, whatever our different perspectives, agree on two principles. One is that, except at the very margins, the system adheres to the Prime Minister's commitment that lottery funds are in addition to, and not a substitute for, our core support. The other is that capital needs, so important in an age when the living arts are threatened by sophisticated electronic packages of home entertainment, continue to receive the lion's share. I would like Mr Morrison, and all who care for the arts, to be on our side in this, and wish that he would get off his low horse to mount this high one.

LONDON

GASLIGHT As plans stand, this is the closest Keith Baxter's production will come to London: Jane How plays the terrified wife and Frank Finlay the detective searching for the cause. *Classic Victorian spine-tingling fun*
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088) Tonight-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

WHAT A SHOW! Opening night for a musical spectacular revolving around Tommy Steele, who sings, dances, grins and remembers the old days.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-8393 5987). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

THE LETTER Beg, borrow or (ahem) steal whatever holders remain for Neil Bartlett's *excellent and shrewd* production of Somerset Maugham's celebrated drama. Joanna Lumley and Tim Pigott-Smith star as the murderer and her defending lawyer.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm

ELSEWHERE

GLYNDEBOURNE The company's touring opera season opens with the much-loved *La Bohème*. Anne Dawson plays Mimi, Francesco Piccoli is Rodolfo, Susannah Glanville is Musetta and Paul Whelan, Marcello. Don *Giovanni* joins the rep from Thursday and Benjamin Britten's *Owen Wingrave* from Oct 20.
Opera House, Near Lewes, East Sussex (01273-813 813) Tonight, 7pm. Until Oct 28

NORWICH Greek Echoes is the theme for this year's **Norfolk and Norwich Festival**: everything from concerts by the fine young pianist Gergos Lazaridis and La Camerata Orchestra *from Athens, to a premiere* by the heavyweight composer Xenakis, a performance of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and traditional Greek storytelling, song and dance. Plus *modern Britain's very own ancient* Byzantine composer, John Tavener, in residence during the festival. Among some of the lighthearted, non-Greek flavoured, additions to the programme are Angela Thorne starring in *Make Way for Lucia*, and Carl Davis conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra, accompanying a full-screen spectacle of Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights*.
Box Office: Ticket Shop, Guildhall, Gaol Hill (01603-764764). Until Sun

LEICESTER: Last week of performances for the long-awaited Jerry Hermann/Michael Stewart musical **Mack and Mabie**, based on the Keystone Kops director Mack Sennett's love affair with his star, Mable Normand. Full of tuneful and memorable music, and Paul Kerryson directs some spectacular moments. Moves to London later this month
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Tonight-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington, Art of African Textiles (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Passionate Art of Utamaro (0171-625 1555) . . . **Design Museum**: *Paul Smith Trus Bril* (0171-378 6055) . . . **National Gallery**: Myths and Fables: Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: John Korbel *Photographic Portrait Award 95* (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy**: Africa. Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Saatchi**: Young British Artists V (0171-624 8299) . . **Serpentine**: Big City: *Artists from Africa* (0171-723 9072) . . . **Tate**: Sketching the Sky: Turner watercolours (0171-887 8000) . . **V&A**: Rule of Taste. Designs for Georgian Architecture (0171-938 8500)

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
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COMMUNICATING DOORS Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play. Julie McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a decade.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5530) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **DEAD FUNNY.** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **FUNNY MONEY.** Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE:** Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie, John Shrapnel and Pinter himself in the transfer from Chichester of his long-buried play in which the staff of a mental hospital scheme for dominance.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **JELLY ROLL!** Likeable celebration of the life and music of Jelly Roll Morton. Vernel Bagnères plays the man, Morten Gunnar Larsen plays the piano.

THE MASTER BUILDER Directed by Peter Hall. From Weds at 7pm for 12 weeks only. (0171-836 5122). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Wed; until Nov 18.

☐ ***TAKING SIDES*** *Enthralling drama* by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel *Massey and Michael Pennington.*
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **VOLPONE** Michael Gambon subtle and fascinating in the title role, ably supported by Simon Russell Beale as his wily sidekick.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight, 7.15pm. Tue, 2pm and 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ◪ **Dealer's Choice**. Vaudeville (0171-836 9987) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**. Albery (0171-369 1730) . ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15). Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas, Julianne Moore. Richard Donner directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914011) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15). Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart and Rosana Pastor
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MY FAMILY (14): Handsome but shallow saga of a Mexican family in Los Angeles, with Jimmy Smits and Esai Morales. Director, Gregory Nava.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ◪ (0171-437 1234) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE NET** (12) New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. Director, Irwin Winkler
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POCAHONTAS (U): Strangely dull tale of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after Aladdin and *The Lion King*. With the voices of Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard.
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris; director, Ron Howard.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Empire** ◪ (0990 888900) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 068) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15) Overly bloodthirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace. Gibson also directs.
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◆ ***CARRINGTON*** *(15): Stumbling* account of an odd Bloomsbury romance, dominated by Jonathan Pryce's Lytton Strachey. With Emma Thompson as the painter Dora Carrington.
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◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy.
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FUNNY BONES (15): *Comedy and* tears with a showbusiness family. Overambitious film from Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron.
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THE QUICK AND THE DEAD (15): Gunslinger Sharon Stone versus bad man Gene Hackman. Dull and preposterous, directed by Sam Raimi. **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

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◆ **WATERWORLD** *Acquatic folly with* spectacular action but not enough script. With Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper and Jeanne Tripplehorn.
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Rodney Milnes applauds Welsh National Opera's stunningly performed and inventively staged Mozart revival

Inspirational night with the king of Crete

Idomeneo
New Theatre, Cardiff

Every once in a while — and it is once in years or months rather than weeks — everything comes together in an operatic performance. The musical equivalent of lift-off happens; and you relish an artistic experience like no other. So it was in Cardiff last Thursday at the Welsh National Opera's revival of *Idomeneo*.

I exaggerate, but only slightly. Howard Davies's production will not be to everyone's taste: there is an air of chumminess about it, of monarchs fraternising with their subjects in a way that not even the most enlightened 18th-century ruler would have contemplated. You expect this king of Crete to enter on a bicycle, to set off the designer raincoat he sports in Act II. But the private scenes are as crisply directed as you would expect from a man of the theatre, and the show looks handsome in William Dudley's permanent set.

Musically, though, this was operatic heaven. In no other work is Mozart's daring and inventiveness so marked — it is Mozart as the Birtwistle of his day — and in a sense everything that came after was a cautious step backwards.

Or so it seemed listening to Sir Charles Mackerras's account of the score. His well-known sense of theatrical thrust was well to the fore, but it was balanced by a less familiar air of tenderness and relaxation.

"Se il padre", sung with purity by Rebecca Evans, was one of those arias you wanted to go on for ever, so ethereal was its beauty, and the numbed awe of the quartet, shot through with stabs of pain, held the audience breathless. Sir Charles's conducting throughout was quite masterly.

Anthony Rolfe Johnson has sung the title role at the Met and in Salzburg and Vienna, but never before on stage here. Clever WNO: his honeyed tone, inimitable delicacy of phrase and ease in coloratura are complemented by moments of visceral tenorial power, reminding you that he is a Grimes as well as a Mozartian. This is a very complete Idomeneo, dramatically as well, finding the monarch's shiftiness, guilt and overwhelming personal grief.

When this production was new three years ago, Idamante was sung by a young tenor called John Mark Ainsley, who has gone on to great things. Here we had the even younger Toby Spence, fresh from Guildhall and making his professional debut; a youthful, coppery sound, considerable reserves of stamina, musicianship and good clear diction. He and Evans certainly looked like teenagers, which helps the piece.

There is also an excellent Arbace in Peter Hoare, who earned the restoration of his first aria with cleanly defined singing, and in Christine Weidinger an Elettra who can both chew the scenery with daredevil accounts of her two "mad" arias, and mould a sensitive line in *Idol mio* — again, a complete portrayal.

Chorus and orchestra were outstanding. The Cardiff audience, which understands quality, cheered fit to bust.

DONALD COOPER



Anthony Rolfe Johnson, whose honeyed tones are complemented by moments of visceral tenorial power, is a complete Idomeneo, both dramatically and musically

VISIONS OF AFRICA

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Slit Drum, Omdurman, Sudan, 19th century, wood

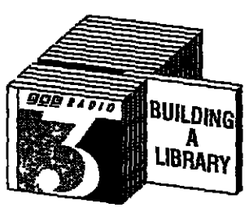
Drums such as this are often associated with chiefs in Sudan, the Central African Republic and Zaire. They represent authority, and the larger the drum the more high-ranking its owner. Precise floral patterns line this example, reminiscent of ancient Islamic shapes expressing God's unity and presence. This drum was captured by Kitcherier at the Battle of Omdurman in 1898, in which the British defeated the Khalifa Abdullahi and put an end to Sudanese resistance. It was then presented to Queen Victoria.

CLASSICAL CHOICE: A NEGLECTED CHORAL MASTERPIECE REDISCOVERED

SCHUBERT'S MASS IN E FLAT
Reviewed by Richard Wigmore

A guide to the best recordings, *presented in conjunction with Radio 3*

During the final year of his short life, Schubert produced an astonishing succession of masterpieces, from *Winterreise* to the C major String Quintet. Yet one work from this period has always lagged in popularity: the Mass in E flat, composed in the summer of 1828 for the Holy Trinity Church in the Viennese suburb of Alser. Until recently the Mass was patronised by commentators, and subjected to slighting comparisons with the Masses of Bach and Beethoven. But today it is increasingly acknowledged as a disturbing masterpiece that seeks to reconcile traditional liturgical grandeur with the expression of Schubert's own heterodox, humanistically inclined religious beliefs.



Liturgical tradition is most evident in the fugues that close the Gloria and the Credo. These least personal sections of the Mass need a strong sense of purpose and conviction if they are to come off in performance. And in the version directed by **Martin Baumann** on Vox Turnabout they seem interminable, with rhythmically leaden choral singing.

Altogether more inspiriting are the Swiss choirs conducted by **Armin Jordan** on Erato, available on a two-disc set at a bargain price. But the contribution of the **Suisse Romande** orchestra is no more than decent; and Jordan can allow the tension to flag in slower numbers. Finer still is the *singing of the* **Atlanta Symphony Chorus** in the Telarc recording directed by **Robert Shaw**. Again, the orchestral *playing is unremarkable*, while Shaw's direction is often short on rhythmic imagination. His soloists, too, are not *ideally matched*.

Nor are those in the live Vienna recording conducted by **Claudio Abbado** on DG. But Abbado's massive, almost Brucknerian reading has a compelling grandeur and breadth of phrase. The VPO are predictably magnificent; *the* **Vienna State Opera Chorus** sonorous and incisive, if not always immaculately tuned.

Less monumental are two versions from that dedicated Schubertian **Wolfgang Sawallisch**. Sawallisch generates more urgency than Abbado in sections such as the opening of the Gloria and the big formal fugues. On both his 1971 Philips version (available on a two-disc mid-price set) and his 1980 EMI recording, his soloists, led in both cases by Helen Donath and Peter Schreier, are outstanding individually and as a team. Despite the presence of the supremely cultivated **Dresden Staatskapelle** on the Philips version, Sawallisch's later reading, made with the excellent **Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus**, is the better paced and integrated.

For a more traditional performance you won't do better than Sawallisch's vividly recorded mid-priced EMI disc. (CDM 7 69223-2). But there is serious competition from **Bruno Weil's** recent recording using period instruments (the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment), and an all-male chorus (the combined **Vienna Boys Choir** and **Chorus Viennensis** in superb form) and soloists (Sony SK 66255, £12.95). With pungent, transparent textures, fluent tempos and dancing rhythms, Weil's performance has a Schubertian freshness, yet there is no want of drama and solemnity; and sections such as the anguished Agnus Dei are as overwhelming as in any of the more grandly scaled readings. So while I shouldn't want to be without Sawallisch, Weil's Sony disc is the one I shall reach for most often when I want to hear Schubert's disquieting final Mass.

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Floating voters up in the clouds

POP

The Levellers
Academy, SW9

HALFWAY through last Thursday's Brixton gigs completing the Levellers' first British tour in two years, I become aware of a warm presence *midway down my left leg*. I had thought I was alone in this recess at the side of the Academy's vast floor, but I was wrong. A crouching man who looks like Neil from *The Young Ones* has got so stoned on the joint that is close to burning his fingers that he has rumbled against my thigh.

How to handle the situation, Miss Manners? I step forward. Cruel move. He slumps to the floor, and a neighbouring girl shrugs, appropriates his dislodged ciggy, and carries on dancing. That's right. Dancing. The foyer may resemble the final night of the Glastonbury weekend, but this is a disco for people who would rather drive motorways through ancient woodland than venture on to parquet to hits by Whigfield.

Agit-poppers supreme, the Levellers' Brighton HQ is e-mailed and Internetted up to provide a national focal point for the anti-Criminal Justice Act movement. But their followers like to have a good time too. Some 75 per cent of Levellers songs are based on dance grooves, cunningly disguised behind sawing fiddles. That the remaining 25 per cent of slowies could have been misappropriated from the Lindisfarne back catalogue merely allows time to catch your breath.

The rock press has turned against this five-piece because it finds the recent chart-topper *Zeitgeist* musically repetitive and over-earnest. But singer Mark Chadwick remains a stirring performer, and the recent singles, *Hope Street* and *Fantasy*, show a willingness to sweeten the ideological pill in order to woo floating voters. Yes, the fashion police could be cutting about the Identikit look of the audience, but sincerity and stoutness of heart seem to me admirable virtues.

ALAN JACKSON

Surprise, surprise

CLASSICAL

OAE/Brüggen
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment opens its concert series at the South Bank with music from the 1770s: two Haydn symphonies framed Mozart's *Exsultate Jubilate* and another symphony by C.P.E. Bach. This made for an evening of unpredictable music, predictably played with stylistic finesse under Frans Brüggen.

It was clear from the opening bars of Haydn's *Trauer* symphony that each note had been given due consideration in rehearsal. Every nuance of phrasing and dynamic, every degree of waiting and accent was meticulously observed, yet the first movement lacked the passion underlying its inexorable sense of doom. Moments of intensity flashed in the Adagio — which Brüggen kept moving well — and the Finale was fast and furious enough.

Also from the early 1770s is the B flat Symphony No 51. Here Haydn delights in wrong-footing the listener (as in the false recapitulation in the first movement) and the players, especially the horns. The stratospheric writing in the Adagio for the first horn, mirrored by a seemingly bottomless descent for his colleague, would stretch the best of players.

C.P.E. Bach's Symphony in G major is no less full of surprises, with its unorthodox harmonic twists and quirky wind writing. In Mozart's *Exsultate Jubilate*, the challenges are less for the players, and more for the vocal soloist, on this occasion Emma Kirkby. Her voice is as fresh as ever and she always sings, whether in unaccompanied *trouvère songs or here in the* final Allelujah, with remarkable musical intelligence. For once we heard this familiar work as a piece of music rather than a vehicle for vocal pyrotechnics. Kirkby's purity of sound accorded perfectly with the more naive tone of her encore, *Nehmt Meinen Dank*.

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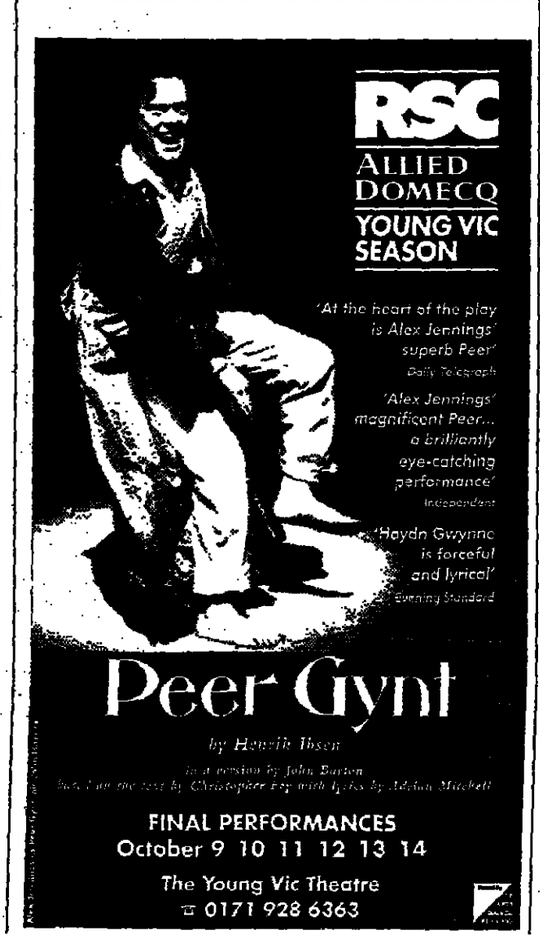
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The future ends here

My bleak, imaginary vision of Britain under the heel of Brussels



ANDREW ROBERTS

PAUL BRYANT



London, circa 2045: an imaginary postcard from a Britain under the boot of Brussels commemorating new heroes

The rot started to set in half a century ago, thought Horatio as he waddled asthmatically up the Mall, long before the Nomenclature Directive 10/307. Left-wing Labour councils had begun dropping the names of Victorian municipal worthies from roads, town halls and community centres to replace them with those of nationalist liberation leaders.

By the late Nineties you had Arafat Close, NW10 and Biko Drive, NW1. Now there were even moves for a Gerry Adams Crescent in Kilburn. So perhaps it was inevitable that Horatio's namesake, the admiral who had done so much to stymie Britain's chances of being at the heart of 19th-century Europe, should have been removed from the column in Schuman Square. As Graham Kentfield, Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, had said of putting Nelson on the banknotes in January 1993: "It might upset our European neighbours." From then on only rigidly Euro-friendly people were allowed on to the currency, such as Founding Father Edward Heath, whose grin adorns the £Euro50.

Maastricht Terminus had once been Waterloo Station. One could hardly have had our fellow citizens of the United States of Europe being offended the moment they arrived here. But Horatio wondered, as he made his way towards the square, whether Founding Father Delors had been the right person for the top of the column? He had created the formal union at Maastricht, of course, as every schoolperson knew, but it wasn't until 2004, with the replacement of sterling with the Euro-pound, that Britain could really have been said to have at last divested herself of her outmoded independence.

To his right Horatio could glimpse through the trees, past the towers of the Commission Headquarters in Whitehall, the top of Big Ben. He had never much liked the Westminster Heritage, Amenity and Leisure Drome. He felt that the draughty corridors and two huge chambers — now swimming pools — would have been better used as some sort of regional assembly like the ones they had in Wallonia, Wales, Greater Serbia and the Islands of Ireland. The place was said to be haunted by an ethereal "Lady in Blue" who on November 22 every year could be heard crying "No! No! No!"

As he reached Admiralty Arch, Horatio turned back to gaze at Attali House, the regional headquarters of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, "the Glistening Bank" as it was respectfully called. In the previous decade the bank had spent no less than 14 billion Euros on its Old Masters collection, corps of valets, world famous cellars and free tickets over the Channel Bridge for homesick executives. They rather begrudged the half billion earmarked for regional economic projects, surmising that they were largely a sop to discourage further disintegration as demanded by the Manx, Cornish and Tyne independence movements.

> The place was haunted by a blue lady crying 'No, no, no'

The building's original owners, the Mountbatten-Windsor family, had found that there was little point in staying there. Once their constitutional role had disappeared their *raison d'être* had entirely disappeared. Like every other (pre-Classlessness Directive 11/402) aristocrat family in financial difficulties — and who wasn't, considering Frankfurt's tax regime on anyone earning the Maximum Wage — they found that neither opening the place to the public nor taking in paying guests enabled them to make ends meet. When the century was in its teens they had taken up New Zealand's generous offer.

At 64, King William V was a popular monarch, whose coming visit to London was keenly anticipated, especially by those Nats who supported the English Resistance Movement (ERM). This had come into existence at about the time when the English region of the United States of Europe had to agree to surrender the Malvinas.

The Commission held three successive all-night sessions to discuss the British request to send a Task Force to liberate the islands, but had finally agreed not to allocate the necessary expenditure. Greek and Dutch Commissioners had argued that it would increase inflation if they were to embark on a risky military adventure 8,000 miles away for a few islands over which Britain should have ceded sovereignty decades before. The German Commissioner believed that the Union had "no strategic or economic interest" in the islands, and of course the Spanish Commissioner agreed that they rightly belonged to Argentina anyhow.

With all financial policy-making, gold reserves and expenditure decisions located at the Frankfurt Central Bank there was nothing the British people could do. It was in part the sense of humiliation and anger over this which had led to the creation of the ERM.

As Horatio stood with his back to Schuman Square, he could see the huge flag flapping in the breeze some 900 metres to the southwest. Horatio realised that he had never even seen its predecessor, the Royal Standard. Indeed he had hardly ever seen the Union Jack either. From the history books it looks like an ungainly collection of saints' flags interposed haphazardly on one another and often flown upside down. It was just a bald, territorial symbol with none of the spiritual, almost religious significance of that halo of 12 gold stars. Nobody had had to fight or die for the flag yet, except of course in Estonia, although plenty of athletes had exerted themselves in the Perrier Steroid-Free Olympics.

Having another half hour to kill, he scanned the Sits Vac column on his pager. There were ads for the Euro-Rivers Authority, the Commission Trading Standards Office, the Sexual Harassment Denouncement Bureau, the Regional Relations Commisariat, the Common Agricultural Policy Police, the Nationalist Symbols Squad (Flags Division), the Sexual Hygiene Inspectorate and the Differently-Abled Entitlements Bureau.

If Britain had not voted for complete union at the Aachen referendum 30 years before, he thought, would there be today all these jobs in the various agencies? He fast-forwarded his pager but still they were there: the Sandhurst Military Academy Gay and Lesbian Awareness Course Instructor Unit, the Cholesterol Curtailment Commission, the Country Sports Vigilance Unit, the Competitive Sports Abatement Department and so on and so on and so on.

Is all this fact or fantasy? With Bernard Connolly's revelations, Kenneth Clarke's declared affection for a florin and Chancellor Kohl's determination to follow Maastricht to the letter, I for one am no longer sure. So I took a sabbatical from writing about the past to try to look into the future.

● *Andrew Roberts's new book* The Aachen Memorandum *is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson at £15.99.*

Search for the truth in the liars' club

Kate Muir meets Mary Karr, whose story of her madhouse Texan family life is a bestseller

When Mary Karr set out to write a memoir of her Sixties childhood in a gritty, grotty Texas oil town, she asked the writer Tobias Wolff for advice. "Take no care for your dignity," he said. "Don't be afraid of appearing angry, small-minded, obtuse, mean, immoral, amoral, calculating, or anything else."

Karr pinned his letter above her desk, abandoned dignity, and started *The Liars' Club*, an autobiography without shame, published in Britain tomorrow. Few writers could handle an alcoholic, overdressed mother who marries seven times; a nutty, vindictive, one-legged grandmother; and an insomniac family who spend much of their time in their underwear. Fewer still could set such characters in the town *Business Week* magazine voted the tenth ugliest on the planet, and still play the story for laughs.

Unexpectedly, *The Liars' Club* became a bestseller when it was published in America earlier this year, and Karr went from an obscure poet with two slim volumes to the toast of the literary world.

Teaching literature part-time at Syracuse University in upstate New York, Karr was not exactly flush, and came to a Dickensian agreement whereby her publishers paid whenever she posted off a chapter. Thus she accepts her new-found celebrity, interviews and packed author readings warily, not sure whether fame will remain. In her kitchen, over coffee, she laughs about Hollywood buying the film rights to her book and adds: "Hey, I don't care if baboons play me and my family in the movie." The writing is of more importance — she is far more pleased that the doctor in her home town of Leechfield bought seven copies of the book, and that hundreds of people turned out for the reading in the local library.

JOYCE DAVID



Mary Karr: the book was cathartic

The book opens in 1961 with her strongest memory, when that same family doctor arrived in the middle of the night. Karr, then seven, was sitting with her sister, pulling her blue flowered nightgown over her knees. "Show me the marks," said the doctor. "Come on now, I won't hurt you."

For years, Karr was unable to recall the events which led up to this moment. She only knew that afterwards her mother was declared "nervous" and taken away to hospital. She adds: "I should explain here that in east Texas parlance the term 'nervous' applied with equal accuracy to anything from chronic nail-biting to full-blown psychosis."

After a long haul through drugs, alcohol and therapy, Karr managed to fill the black hole in her memory and understand why her family was so peculiar, explained in the *dénouement* of the book. Writing the memoir was, for her, a final filing of the past.

But what of her mother and father? The eye which Karr casts over her family is piercing and painful, leaving no embarrassment unturned, just as Wolff suggested. Karr shrugs. "When I was writing, my mother said, 'Hell, get it off your chest', but I soon learnt that any writer who wanders into the muddy waters of childhood drowns a little." Yet after Karr gave her mother the finished draft, they both ended up in tears, sitting on her wooden porch.

"I didn't particularly have a sense of my mother being some monster or villain. After I showed her the first piece that appeared in *Granta*, she seemed almost more interested in the clothes she was wearing at the time than what she did." Mrs Karr was much prone to grand fur coats and silk dresses, but Karr herself escaped becoming a Texas belle, the look epitomised in the television series *Dallas*.

"They have earrings the size of kitchen appliances," she notes. Instead, she is lithe and dark in shorts and a rumpled white shirt, looking far younger than her 41 years. It is her older sister, Leicia, who was bigger and blonder, who became a successful Texan woman, sartorially and financially. While Mary was running round America, going through various universities and jobs, Leicia was clinching major deals in Southern real estate.

"Leicia's never been in therapy. It's not her thing. She's a stoic, and was throughout everything that happened. But there's a price you pay for that. So this book has been cathartic for her."

At seven and ten, Mary and Leicia spent a great deal of time keeping their alcoholic, crazy and rather wonderful mother out of trouble. They became part-time adults. Now, Karr is very much aware of the contrast between her childhood in a humid madhouse and that of her nine-year-old son, Devereux, in a pleasant suburb.

Karr grew up among the children of working-class oilmen. When she found she was too small to win fights, her father suggested she should bite rather than hit: "Lay the ivory to 'em, Pokey." The Texans show no tendency to sentimentality, either in words or deeds. When Karr ran away at 15 to Mexico, no one came after her. Instead, her family followed the great Southern "if you git work, write" tradition. "Hell, they just figured that wherever I was headed, it had to be better than Leechfield."

Until recently, women relied more on fiction than naked memoir to express their lives. Karr expects that to change. "I think there was a feeling that women were the keepers of the family secrets and it was somehow unfeminine, indecorous to write about your family. But the domestic can be just as compelling as some great political or war memoir."

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Uncovering the mysteries of the elusive neutrino ☐ A map of the solar system ☐ Protein link to Alzheimer's disease

A something out of nothing



DOES the neutrino have mass? Please don't ask the team at Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico who first reported the claim in the pages of *The New York Times* six months ago.

They have just published their results in a more usual outlet, *Physical Review Letters*. And while 39 members of the team are sticking to their guns, one has had second thoughts. Dr James Hill of the University of Pennsylvania, has published a second paper in the same issue of the journal, saying that the data do not justify the conclusion drawn.

These are deep waters, but worth exploring. The neutrino was long believed to be a massless, chargeless particle, a mere fragment of nothing, but present throughout the universe in innumerable quantities. Because of its evanescent quality, it can pass through anything without being noticed: hold out your hand and ten thousand billion neutrinos from the Sun will pass through it in a second. Neutrinos are real, despite their ghostly qualities, and come in three different kinds: electron, muon, tau.

A few solar neutrinos can be picked up in detectors buried underground, where no other particle can penetrate. But far fewer neutrinos from the Sun have been detected than ought to have been, if our models of the Sun are right.

One possible explanation for this is that neutrinos can transmute from one kind into another, a process that would enable them to evade detection.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

But if they can transmute, or "oscillate" as the physicists put it, then they must have mass. Hence the excitement when the Los Alamos team claimed to have observed oscillation.

They did so by creating muon antineutrinos in an accelerator, and trying to detect them changing into electron antineutrinos. (In this context, antineutrinos should behave in the same way as neutrinos.) But the experimental statistics are fragile, and open to more than one interpretation, which explains the disagreement.

Now a new experiment that might settle the argument has been recommended for support by the United States Department of Energy. The idea is to generate a stream of neutrinos at an accelerator outside Chicago, and send them down a tunnel into the Earth. More than 500 miles away, a detector buried in an old iron mine in northern Minnesota would detect them.

By counting them out and counting them in, physicists could tell if any had "oscillated" *en route*. The accelerator would produce muon neutrinos, and the detector in Minnesota would see if any had changed into tau neutrinos. If they had, it would mean that muon neutrinos have mass, and therefore probably constitute a large part of the "dark matter" cosmologists believe is spread throughout the universe.

This definitive experiment will cost $135 million, and won't produce results before the end of the century even if the money can be found. But the implications for physics, astronomy and cosmology are so huge that it would be a great pity if it wasn't done.

We are here



TWO American astronomers have finally worked out where we are. Their efforts have provided our solar system with the equivalent of a galactic postcode, recording just where it lies in the Milky Way.

Our galaxy is a vast rotating disc-shaped gathering of stars, with a bulge in the middle. It is 100,000 light years from rim to rim, and about 1,000 light years thick. But working out exactly where we are in it is rather like standing in the middle of a forest and trying to guess where its edges lie by counting the trees.

The solar system is believed to lie about halfway between the central bulge and the rim of the disc, but there has been much less certainty about the distance to the galactic plane, an imaginary line bisecting the disc from rim to rim.

Dr Roberta Humphreys, of the University of Minnesota, and graduate student Jeffrey Larsen believe they have now calculated this, by the simple technique of counting the number of stars you can see looking either "up" or "down" through the galactic disc.

A position precisely on the galactic plane would see an equal number of stars in both directions. In fact, they found that the solar system must lie about 68 light years above the galactic plane, close to the middle but not right on it. The result, as well as satisfying curiosity, will help astronomers making observations of the galaxy who often have to take the solar system's position into account.

Back on song



THE way birds learn to sing could shed new light on Alzheimer's disease, according to Dr David Clayton of the University of Illinois and colleagues. They have studied the learning curve of the zebra finch and unearthed a protein, which they have called synelfin, which seems to be vital to the process.

Songbirds begin to listen to the songs of a tutor bird, usually their father, at the age of about three weeks. Silent at first, they soon begin to copy the songs.

Researchers have studied the area of the brain responsible for memorisation, and Dr Clayton and colleagues have now reported in *Neuron* that this part of the brain also produces large amounts of synelfin until about 35 days after birth.

After that, synelfin production falls sharply and virtually disappears from adult birds. So what is the link to Alzheimer's, a disease characterised by loss of memory?

First, he says, synelfin is very similar in shape to apolipoprotein E, a protein which, in certain forms, seems to increase the risk of getting the disease. Furthermore, the human version of synelfin has recently been found by other researchers as a constituent of the brain "plaques" that are the hallmark of the disease.

"Certainly, this is a protein that's at the scene of the crime," he told *Science News*. But motive and method remain to be discovered.

The tale of an artist, a chemist and a long lost dog

Technical analysis of famous 18th-century paintings has revealed more than expected, says **Giles Whittell**

It is remarkable enough that one of the world's finest collections of 18th and 19th-century English portraits should be found in a mansion in suburban southern California. Now, X-rays of the collection's most intriguing canvases have revealed ghostly shapes and details, long since painted over, that give a rare glimpse of the impulsive working methods of some of Britain's greatest painters.

Over the polished parquet of the Huntington Art Gallery, in San Marino, hang more than 100 important British and French paintings, including no fewer than 12 major works by each of Thomas Gainsborough, Joshua Reynolds and George Romney. Bombarded with carefully measured doses of X-rays, some of these artists' best-loved paintings turn out to have been painted on old, half-used fabric. Others went through wholesale structural changes between their first and final versions.

Shelley Bennett, the Huntington's curator, hoped the X-ray photographs would yield new technical data of the kind museums are now expected to include in catalogues. She did not expect to stumble on a lesson in Georgian women's hairstyles, a mutating melancholic muse or a disappearing dog.

Rays from invisible areas of the electromagnetic spectrum have long found uses in the delicate business of restoring and maintaining ancient oil paintings — but also in probing the mysteries of their creation. Infra-red analysis can pick out the carbon in the detailed charcoal sketches that Renaissance masters such as Raphael would draw before applying paint. (By contrast, it revealed little in the Huntington's British portraits because their painters seldom bothered with sketches.)

Ultraviolet rays can tell conservators about the depth and condition of varnishes and "overpaint" that may have been applied to a painting since its original creation. But it was X-rays, and their collision with the heavy metals used in the primitive paints available to artists of the Georgian era, that got under the skin of the Huntington's portraits with the most spectacular results.

The images that emerged from under later layers of paint did so for precisely the reason bones show up in an X-ray of a human leg: they absorb more radiation than the surrounding area, "and the image is created by the differential", explains Shelley Svoboda, a chemist and conservator who supervised the Huntington's X-ray project with Rosamond Westmoreland. In most cases where buried shapes appeared, the X-rays were being absorbed by a carbonate of lead used in many late 18th-century paints, although mercuric sulphide, used for vermilion, also shows up.

In Gainsborough's *Cottage Door*, a country scene arranged around a peasant family standing at their porch, the mother in the final version sports an elaborate *bouffant* hairdo. In the X-ray it is pinned tightly back behind her head. Version one was probably authentic, Dr Bennett says; version two, a concession to the landowner who commissioned the painting of part of his own property and required even his poorest tenants to appear radiant and richly groomed.

For the X-rays a small rectangle was taken at a time

Sir Joshua Reynolds made some far more drastic changes to his portrait of *Mrs Siddons as the Tragic Muse* (1784). It features Mrs Siddons, a renowned 18th-century actress, floating above the ground on a throne with a shadowy, demonic-looking figure representing terror over her left shoulder. Reynolds's contemporary, Thomas Lawrence, called this the greatest portrait ever painted. If so, it was only thanks to major last-minute alterations. The X-rays reveal a large, winged putto tugging at Mrs Siddons's skirt and a melancholic figure in the place of "terror", his left arm mimicking the actress's body language — thereby distracting our attention from it.

Less formal but equally famous is Lawrence's *Pinkie* (1794), a portrait of Sarah Barrett Moulton. She also reached her final form in fits and starts. Nowadays she gazes boldly out over the Huntington's main gallery, confident her admirers won't notice her ill-proportioned right shoulder because of a pair of pink ribbons fluttering across it. But in Lawrence's first effort the X-rays show the ribbons at her side, and Pinkie looks decidedly less perky.

It was the gallery's crown jewel that really stunned Dr Bennett, however. *Blue Boy* (1770), a portrait of Gainsborough's friend Jonathan Buttall, hangs opposite *Pinkie*. It first excited radiographers 55 years ago, when the white of an older man's cravat appeared above Buttall's head, telling them Gainsborough had used an old canvas and painted out the cravat before starting afresh.

The new X-rays were taken one small rectangle at a time. When Dr Bennett saw a complex white object near Buttall's left foot she thought at first it was a chrysanthemum. It turned out to be the paw of a dog, probably an English water spaniel. "It's his pooch! It's got to be his pooch!" the curator remembers thinking in her moment of discovery. Why Gainsborough painted it out even though it sits well in the composition remains a mystery, though Dr Bennett has a theory: the spaniel is "too cute" for a portrait that, down to Buttall's blue jacket and breeches, is considered an act of homage to the work of Van Dyck 140 years earlier, in the reign of Charles I. "Dogs in those days were big mastiffs or not at all," she says.





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Before and after: X-ray view, top, of *Mrs Siddons as the Tragic Muse*, left, and *Blue Boy*

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When scandal isn't scandalous any more, newspapers will have to provide something different

With sinking heart. I stared at Saturday's *Times*. It was no different from any of the other papers, broadsheet or tabloid. Almost the whole of the front page was devoted to a single story. "Tears as horrific case is outlined — QC tells Rosemary West jury of discoveries 'more terrible than words can express'."

If only. If only we really would accept that there are things more terrible than words can express. If only the words would ever cease. But having expressed ourselves too shocked to speak, we speak. Having judged a scene indescribable, we go on to try to describe it. Having found a case too dreadful to talk about, we talk about it. On and on.

And, glancing at that front page, I should like to claim that my sinking heart was sinking under the weight of dismay at the emerging facts about the Gloucester murders. But it wouldn't be true. The murders are awful beyond comprehension, and that's that. No, the heart sank for a more selfish reason. It sank because I was bored. It sank because Saturday's *Times* was signalling the imminence of weeks — perhaps months — of newspaper, magazine, television and radio news which will be of little interest to me. From now on and for a long time to come, whole reams of my own and every other newspaper will be, from this reader's point of view, a blank.

You see I *really* don't want to read about it. I can't summon up much interest *in the details. I simply skip.* I skip as, increasingly, I skip "royal" stories these days. There are events, people and their doings which we find interesting, and there are those we do not. I skip royal scandals not out of delicacy but out of boredom. These scandals are routine and life is short.

There are creditable motivations for wishing the Queen Mother many more years on this Earth, and I share them: less creditable is my sheer horror at the thought of weeks of sugary retrospectives, blocking every airwave and crowding every paper. One may have to go abroad.

On Queen Victoria's death in 1901, Shaw wrote to the *Morning Leader*: "Sir, I am loath to interrupt the rapture of mourning in which the nation is now enjoying its favourite festival — a funeral. But in a country like ours the total suspension of common sense and sincere human feeling for a whole fortnight is an impossibility."

The Editor declined to publish this. Doubting whether the intervening 94 years have much altered editorial judgments in these matters, I had better get this in now while, happily, Her Majesty is in good health.

What sort of research is conducted, I wonder, into the influence of particular stories over customer decisions to purchase a newspaper?

It is doubtful whether asking customers would be the way to learn. As the Editor of the *News of the World* will tell you, people *are prone to declare their* disgust that a newspaper should give prominence to a story, and then eagerly buy it. Indeed, the division of public opinion into those who think the press "ought" to cover a story and those who think it "ought not" is false. Both these sections of our readers are likely to *devour the story — the one* blithely, the other guiltily, both avidly.

In human nature, the propensity to be shocked at published or broadcast material, judging it offensive, undignified or harmful, is quite close to the propensity to be drawn (whether or not protesting one's horror) *towards it. I often* suspect that the natural censors among us are driven by an unacknowledged fear of the ruder, more violent or perverted sides of their own natures. When it comes to the privacy of a newsagent's, a circulation manager can put them in the same category as the openly prurient: they buy, they read, they relish. Then they complain.

> For some of us, the news or gossip or violence is not shocking, it is just boring

But there is another group among us: one which I doubt circulation managers acknowledge. We are not (if we are to be honest) so much "shocked" by the Gloucester murders as *uncomprehending. We are not* shocked by dog excrement on the pavement, but since there is nothing in it for us, we step round it. We step round nasty stories about crime and violence. That something is not very nice does not — for us — necessarily arouse great curiosity about it.

During the Bulger case we listened to less of the news. During flare-up periods in the various royal marriages, we decide more often not to bother with a Sunday paper. For the next month or so, as the Gloucester case unfolds on Fleet Street's front pages, we shall be turning straight to page two. When those Hollywood police "action" movies appear late at night on our televisions, we stare at the people gunning each other down and blaspheming, not in horror or even (particularly) disgust. We stare blankly, uncomprehending as to what viewers see in this sort of thing. The sound of gunshots is just a noise. Frankly we are not shocked; we are simply bored.

Editors, directors of programming and circulation managers, please remember us.

If Alan Howarth thinks that new Labour will be less authoritarian than the Tories, he has a shock coming

Howarth beware: Blair is no wet

William Rees-Mogg

The key sentence in Alan Howarth's letter of resignation did surprise me. "There is an arrogance of power and a harshness within the Government which is damaging to our democracy and to the quality of relationships in our society."

I have been a critic of John Major, and still regard him as too Baldwin-like, too much of a conciliator rather than a strategic leader, but he seems to me to be a Prime Minister of singular personal modesty; *he is more free of the "arrogance of* power" than most Prime Ministers, although in practice the limitations of the office impose a certain humility on most of those who reach Downing Street.

I do not get a sense of the arrogance of power from this Government — indeed it has often seemed not half arrogant enough. John Major's administration can be criticised for having been too impressed by civil servants and expert opinion (as in the administration of the health service reforms) by Brussels and our European partners (as at Maastricht) or by popular *opinion (as in Michael Howard's* policies at the Home Office). By Thatcherite standards, John Major may be too flexible a Prime Minister. Alan Howarth was an enthusiastic Thatcherite; her more forceful leadership may have shown some of the arrogance of power, but Alan Howarth found that quite acceptable. It is John Major's arrogance which is too much for him, though the only *instance he gives of it is that the* Prime Minister did not answer one of his letters for six months.

Like Alan Howarth, I have some admiration for Tony Blair's style of leadership. But Tony Blair is clearly more authoritarian than John Major. Right up to the top of the Labour Party, as every journalist knows, there is a much tighter discipline than could be enforced in the Tory party. That may be justified; Tony Blair is a right-wing revolutionary in *Labour Party terms. But it also* springs from two different styles of leadership: Tony Blair is less tolerant than John Major, more the head prefect and less the first among equals. When Tony Blair's supporters say with pride that he is "a ruthless bastard", they are probably exaggerating and perhaps deceiving themselves, but nobody says such things about John Major, though his political adroitness is now widely recognised.

I can see some of the other defects Alan Howarth finds in the Tory party that he is leaving, but not the *saintliness of the party he is joining.* "Hostile and discriminatory attitudes to foreigners and minorities exist in a wholly unacceptable way in the [Tory] party". About the Hong Kong Chinese? Don't the same attitudes exist in the Labour Party, compounded by Jack Straw's sickening hypocrisy? Alan Howarth has been in Parliament for 12 years. He can hardly claim not to have noticed that there is *prejudice and humbug on both sides.* He was asked about the case of Liz Davies, which was a blatant example of central orthodoxy brutally imposed. No Conservative constituency association in modern times has been overruled in this way. He says it is not for him to comment on Liz Davies. He should have taken her case into account before he alleged that the party he was joining had "an ethos of fairness and decency". Liz Davies was not treated fairly or *decently: she was put in a sack and* dumped in deep water.

I was also somewhat surprised by Alan Howarth's reference to education. He was himself an Education Minister, and before that he was a teacher and the son of a headmaster. He must be well aware of the sad post-war history of British secondary education. It is largely a story of the failure of Labour's egalitarian policy. Tony Blair knows that secondary education still needs radical reform, though Roy Hattersley asserts that the comprehensive schools, a massive experiment in social engineering, have been a great success. The *Conservatives have done something,* though not enough, to reform the system they inherited in 1979. Alan Howarth simply writes that "Labour convincingly puts education at the top of its agenda". Anyone can put an objective at the top of an agenda; we can all put winning the lottery at the top of our agendas. But what are Labour's *policies*? Are they superior to the policies on which Alan Howarth worked in the 1980s? Labour education policy still seems *hopelessly split over* whether to put equality first, or excellence.

Tony Blair is determined — rightly in my view — to bring to an end the Labour Party's reputation as the high-tax party. He does not want to raise taxes, and some taxes he wants to cut. A Labour government would continue to spend somewhere around 43 per cent of the national income. Most welfare costs, including pensions and health, will continue to rise for demographic reasons; the average age is rising. Under Labour as under the Tories, there will continue to be conflict between limited public revenue and rising public expenditure; no doubt the electorate will continue to want tax cuts. Perhaps at some point a government will be elected with a radical policy to cut expenditure, but neither party yet offers that promise, and the public is probably not yet willing to support it.

Given these commitments, the policies of the two parties cannot be very different from each other, although Tony Blair may be more ruthless in his reform of the welfare state. Every Opposition talks about cutting out waste and about the benefits of higher growth. Probably Tony Blair would cut out some wasteful public expenditure, as John Redwood would have done. There is nothing in Labour Party policy which is likely to improve Britain's long-established growth trend of around 2 per cent. Gordon Brown will be presented by the same Treasury officials with the same figures showing the same limited room for manoeuvre. Tony Blair knows he is not going to find a private goldmine in the garden of Downing Street.

Alan Howarth turns this limited choice into a Hollywood epic of good guys and bad guys, with the Conservatives wanting to cut back on welfare and education, and Labour being committed to "fairness" and generosity. It is not going to be like that, which is why Tony Blair, again rightly, has refused to specify any major increase in spending. He believes that the British electorate is not willing to pay higher taxes, and that a commitment to higher taxes could lose Labour the next election.

When Alan Howarth went to see him, it was Blair who asked pressing questions about whether Howarth really knew what he was doing. That shows that Tony Blair really is the honest man one had always supposed, and that he is much more realistic than Alan Howarth. Whichever party wins the next election will find that the budget sums are getting steadily more difficult. Tony Blair knows that, but to judge by his resignation letter, Alan Howarth does not.

It is ridiculous for wet Tories to imagine, as Alan Howarth seems to, that Labour can find the resources to fund the wet Tory agenda. It is just possible that Tony Blair, because he is not a wet, will be tougher in reconstructing the welfare state if the funds run out. The whole case for Tony Blair is that he, like Margaret Thatcher, *does* possess the "arrogance of power" which helps political *leaders to take the sort of unpopular* decisions that the wets are always against. His personality is much closer to Norman Tebbit's than to Alan Howarth's.

Ghosts of government past

Now the Tories, not Labour, must show they are fit to govern, says

Peter Riddell



Imagine it is May 1997 and the Tories have won a fifth term. How did I think this could happen, a veteran political observer asked me last week in Brighton? After spluttering something about global or personal upheavals, wars or deaths, my answer turned on Labour yet again tripping up before polling day: an internal party row in which the forces of "old" Labour defeated Tony Blair. Two points later struck me about this reply. I had assumed, first, that the next election was Labour's to lose, and, second, *that however hard the Tories now try,* it would be very hard, if not impossible, for them to turn themselves into winners.

This is the real importance of Alan Howarth's weekend defection to Labour. It is not just that his timing is as damaging as it could be for the Tories, on the eve of the party conference. It is not just that it highlights Mr Blair's apparent Midas touch and John Major's image as a loser increasingly deserted by fashionable opinion and business titans. The real significance is that Mr Howarth's justification chimes in with public worries about the Government's unfairness and harshness. His move hits the Tories where they are most vulnerable, reinforcing the sense that their time is running out.

Politics is admittedly never certain. Events and actions during a campaign can change the outcome from a landslide to a narrow squeak or vice versa, making all the difference for many MPs in marginal seats. Yet the result of most elections reflects a deeper national mood. In 1992, despite the recession and the scars of the Thatcher years, voters saw the Major Government as new and gave it the benefit of the doubt compared with their continuing fears about Labour under Neil Kinnock.

The onus of proof has now shifted. Black Wednesday and the lengthy Tory divisions over Europe helped to knock away the previous props. Confidence in the Government collapsed, and has never really recovered, while Mr Blair has been able to remove many of the fears about Labour's fitness to govern. No matter that questions remain about the financing of Labour's policies and about the depth of "new" Labour. No matter, either, that the Major Government has become a reasonably competent administration over the past two years: despite such obvious blunders as rail privatisation, it is certainly better than the disastrous last Thatcher Government of 1987-90.

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These points are offset by the discernible change in the public mood. Tory MPs frequently echo James Callaghan's now hackneyed, but still valid, comment in 1979 about sea-changes in politics once in a generation, when public attitudes shift and it does not really matter what the ruling party says or does.

Mr Major knows that his task has become much harder since 1992. But until Mr Howarth's announcement, he could hope, for the first time in four years, than the party conference might not damage him or his party. The leadership election has transformed the internal Tory scene. The weakness of Mr Major's position only four months ago is vividly brought out by Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill in their book *Too Close To Call*, the first insider account of the Major premiership. Their style can at times be over-hearty — a kind of "Famous Five in Downing Street" story — but they do show how trapped Mr Major had become by party divisions.

But he is now secure: even his personal poll ratings have started to pick up. He also has what he believes is his best Cabinet since becoming Prime Minister. The errors of the July 1994 reshuffle have been corrected. Michael Heseltine and Brian Mawhinney are giving energy and direction to the Tory counter-attack. They look after day-to-day presentation, giving Mr Major *more time to* work on developing policies. An initial territorial spat between Mr Heseltine and Michael Howard was quickly sorted out when they were called over to Downing Street, and has not recurred.

Party critics have also become quieter, accepting that speaking out of turn will be unpopular. Any noise this week on the conference fringe from the sceptics is likely to be more of a marker for the future than a warning of imminent revolt. For the moment at least, there is a truce between the Tory factions, however great their underlying differences.

These are important pluses for Mr Major. But they will not overcome the public's doubts about the Tories. The leadership is hoping for a repeat of the 1986 conference, when, after rows earlier in the year over the Westland affair and the sale of Land Rover, the party successfully relaunched itself with the "Next Move Forward" slogan. The aim this week is to give the impression that, with Thatcherism now dead, the party is buzzing with fresh thinking.

Since an election may still be more than 18 months away, this will be merely a first *stage, concentrating on initia*tives for the rest of this Parliament and general themes for later, such as increasing personal provision in welfare. On Friday, Mr Major will set long-term goals for reducing public spending to less than 40 per cent of national income, while seeking to sharpen differences from Labour on taxes, inflation and Europe.

Mr Major has been telling friends that the habit in his family is to open a few presents on Christmas Eve, most on Christmas Day and leave a few over for Boxing Day. For him, the Blackpool conference *is Christmas* Eve. The main manifesto proposals are still being discussed and will not start to be unveiled until next spring. The snag is that many voters no longer regard him as an avuncular Father Christmas. The changes in the Tory leadership since July, this new policy thinking and the tax cuts to come this November, and probably next, should all help to reduce *Labour's lead. But they look unlikely* to be sufficient to reverse the "time for a change" mood which Mr Howarth's defection has so dramatically highlighted.

Tsar turn

A MOUNTAIN of romantic correspondence between Tsar Nicholas II and the Tsarina of Russia is to be published for the first time.

The Russian State Archive has thousands of love letters covering the couple's entire life together — from their first encounter in the late 1880s until just before their murder in 1918 — and this week the British publisher Weidenfeld & Nicolson will announce at the Frankfurt Book Fair that it has secured a publication deal.

In addition to the letters, which are written in English, there are diaries and correspondence from Queen Victoria (the Tsarina's grandmother), Edward VII and George V. But the most exciting discovery in the archive is a detailed exchange between the Tsar and his wife about Rasputin, the bearded monk and self-styled quack who had such a hold over the royal family. The letters clearly indicate that they believed he could cure their fifth child and only son, Alexis, of haemophilia.





Rasputin and the Tsar and Tsarina: all is revealed

"The whole problem of Rasputin is contained in these hitherto undiscovered letters," says Ion Trewin, of Weidenfeld. "No one before now has ever known what the Tsar and the Tsarina themselves thought about Rasputin."

● *Conservatives in Alan Howarth's Stratford-on-Avon constituency have not been slow to wreak revenge. A haughty message on the constituency office answerphone regrets "that we are no longer legally or ethically in a position to act on behalf of Alan Howarth MP", and directs the world to try another number: Howarth's private line at home.*

Enemy lines

AS A fresh-faced youth straight from Cambridge, Alan Howarth was employed by Field Marshal Montgomery as chief research assistant on his book *A History of Warfare*. Monty spotted his leftish leanings even then.

There is no evidence that the great battlefield strategist had divined that Howarth had it in him to defect to the enemy, but on one occasion, as his young gun walked into a dinner, he barked: "This is Alan Howarth, who is helping me. He's a Socialist, you know."

● *Jilly Cooper has the jitters after finishing her latest novel,* Apassionata, *about the intrigues in an orchestra. "It's like being a teenage girl going on dates again — sitting by the phone waiting in a state of terror for editors to call."*

The bad life

RICHARD BRIERS has discovered that self-sufficiency is not the Good Life. He has owned up to a brief, ill-fated attempt to imitate Tom and Barbara, the characters in the TV sit-com in which he starred with Felicity Kendal.

"The runner-beans ran into the trees while I was on tour, and all the digging gave me what is laughingly called an embarrassed disc so I had to go to the osteopath at twenty quid a session," he says in next month's *Country Living* magazine. "The lettuce and radishes had to be covered with netting and the birds would get under it. I thought: I can't stand this."

He has one message for anyone thinking of following suit. "Don't do it! Up at four, flat out till 10, working all the hours God gives you. It's a mug's game."

Flexible

AFTER completing a prison sentence for hitting his lover's psychiatrist, the hereditary Labour peer Lord Monkswell spent 18 months unemployed. Then last month, a chance conversation with an electrician who needed a mate secured him a short-term contract: wiring up the House of Lords.

"*During all of September* I was in my jeans and lumber-jacket, working on the cabling for the information superhighway," says the peer, who is best known for letting in the lesbians who abseiled into the chamber to protest at anti-homosexuality legislation.

"Some of my colleagues spotted me, but didn't say anything. It was great fun. I've been under the floors, in the basements, even down the manholes in Black Rod's garden." Now he's back on the dole and open to offers.

● *John Prescott Sr — father of the politician — was on a train down to the Brighton conference last week, armed with his customary packet of sandwiches and flask of brandy, when he struck up conversation with a lady who asked him his name. "Prescott?" she exclaimed. "You must be the father of John. I know a hundred women who would be ready to go to bed with him."*



"We call him Tory because he's not very faithful"

Darker blue

THE MOST turbulent episode in the recent history of the Boat Race is being steered towards the big screen. The infamous mutiny of the Americans in the Oxford crew in 1987 is to be made into a feature film based on the book of the revolt by Dan Topolski.

In *True Blue*, Topolski, who coached Oxford to 12 Boat Race victories, tells how he helped a team of no-hopers to victory in the race after the transatlantic stars walked out on him in a bitter disagreement over the presidency of Donald Macdonald.

"They are doing some initial filming on the river at Cliveden, but the main casting has yet to be finalised," Topolski tells me. Daniel Day-Lewis is considering taking a major part. "A Hollywood script writer has completed four drafts, so we are getting there." Topolski is acting as a consultant while working with the current Oxford crew, after rejoining as director of coaching last year.

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A NARROW CROSSING

Howarth tries on Labour's conservative new clothes

When Tony Blair made his brazen appeal last Tuesday for "One Nation" Tories to switch allegiance, only he knew that he had a personal target in his sights. Alan Howarth — Conservative MP, former minister and party vice-chairman — was then on the brink of conversion to the Labour Party. His announcement yesterday that he was to cross the floor of the House of Commons, the first MP to move in that direction, could not have been better timed to cause his former party maximum embarrassment.

Conservatives gathering in Blackpool today had been hoping for an upbeat week, a relaunch akin to the famous conference that Norman Tebbit stage-managed in 1986 to lift the party out of its Westland woes. This summer had been atypically good for the Tories and unseasonably bad for Labour. With the Tory leadership question settled, the Conservatives expected to gather ammunition from divisions at the Labour Party conference the previous week. But after last week's almost seamless Labour performance, the Tories need a conference just as successful as Labour's merely to stand still. Mr Howarth's carefully orchestrated defection could knock them off balance.

The Tories will do their best to forget their discomfiture. In Blackpool, Mr Howarth's name may not be uttered in public. But his conversion will be more than a one-day wonder. Quite apart from the permanent effect it has on John Major's Commons majority, it will promote the change in Labour's image from irresponsible Opposition to putative Government-in-waiting.

Defections at this late stage in the electoral cycle add to the impression of war-weariness on the Tory benches. Whether it is hitherto right-wing journalists flirting with Mr Blair or British Telecom bidding to cable the country under a Labour administration, the seepage of the great and the good towards Labour adds to Mr Blair's appeal. It makes each individual voter's leap of faith — which switching from Tory to Labour would undoubtedly be — a little less daunting.

One man's personal odyssey, however, should not be seen as an objective statement about the health of the Conservative Party. Mr Howarth's highly idiosyncratic path from the radical Right — as a firm supporter to Thatcherism — to the Left of the Conservative Party in recent years is at least as breathtaking as his defection. As William Rees-Mogg points out on the opposite page, Labour's record on education — Mr Howarth's prime reason for joining Labour — is hardly its strongest suit. His claim that the Tories have become too right-wing does not ring true. Except on Home Office matters, the Conservatives have if anything become more liberal over the past few years.

Mr Howarth's change of political allegiance tells us more about the Labour Party's own lurch to the centre than any change in Conservative policy. There are increasingly fewer areas of policy now on which Mr Blair and an old-fashioned left-wing One Nation Tory would disagree. Arthur Scargill, mounting the charge from the old Left, claimed yesterday that new Labour is now "indistinguishable from the Tory party". Despite this hyperbole, the defection of a former Tory minister across the tribal lines of political parties is a political landmark — made possible only by the demise of the SDP and the rise of Anthony Blair.

Ministers will be struggling this week to find a charge against Labour that will stick. To complain that Mr Blair has stolen their clothes will have little force: voters might prefer the newer model. Nor will attacks on Mr Blair's own sincerity hit the mark. The Tories must highlight mercilessly the gap between Labour's rhetoric and the insubstantiality of the means that it proposes to achieve its ends.

NATO PREPARES

Wanted, a new Nato Secretary-General for its hour of trial

Six Bosnian women and children died and many more were injured at Zivinice yesterday, when a Serb cluster-bomb hit a refugee centre. They could be among the last victims of the war. The day before, Serb fighters had attacked the Bihac "safe area", unchecked by Nato. Operation Deny Flight is on hold: the alliance is staying deliberately aloof from these fierce but inconclusive struggles for territory. The reason is simple. Tomorrow night, the ceasefire brokered by Richard Holbrooke is due to take effect throughout Bosnia. From Washington to London, Paris and Moscow, the name of the game now is to ensure that this ceasefire becomes the bridge to political compromise.

Anticipating a peace settlement within weeks, Nato defence ministers have agreed to accelerate planning for an alliance-led "implementation force" for Bosnia. They must view this eleventh-hour targeting of a refugee centre with foreboding. It may be only a minor incident in fighting that has already maimed and killed hundreds of thousands of civilians, but it serves to underline the risks in this, Nato's first major ground operation. For Nato will be policing a peace without trust, a bitter partition.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, acknowledges the difficulties and knows that for Nato, "failure would be catastrophic". Militarily, Nato's plans are on the right lines. The unworkable "dual key" arrangement with the UN which paralysed Nato for months has persuaded even the French of the absolute need for unity of command under Nato. That will be assured by Nato's Rapid Reaction Corps: it can be deployed rapidly, averting a perilous hiatus between the signing of a political accord and its implementation. The contingents manning the confrontation lines will be equipped not only to defend themselves but to deal with armed obstruction of the mission. The UN will revert to a purely civilian role.

Politically, the picture is cloudier. The Americans are most concerned — and rightly so — by the problems that Nato command presents for Moscow. The US wants the Russians on board, to prove to the Bosnian Serbs that they cannot hope to play to the gallery of pan-Slav sentiment. President Yeltsin wants to participate; the talks in Geneva yesterday between Mr Perry and General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, were at his request. Some arm's-length arrangement that keeps Russian troops under the same broad umbrella is therefore likely to be worked out.

The second problem is money. Britain and France, whose troops will rank next in importance to the Americans in Bosnia, are already owed millions for peacekeeping by the United Nations. The main reason is that the US owes the UN $940 million in peacekeeping dues. This is a battle with Congress that the Clinton Administration cannot avoid.

Most worrying by far is the near-vacuum in Nato itself for which one man is responsible: its Secretary-General, Willy Claes. Mr Claes was an uninspired choice for the job in the first place; he has now become such a serious liability that he should be told in the bluntest language to resign. Belgium's highest constitutional court does not lightly seek the lifting of a parliamentarian's immunity; the charges are corruption, forgery and fraud. Mr Claes protests his innocence, but it is no longer a matter of guilt or innocence in the Agusta affair, but of the damage he will do Nato by staying on.

He claims that this is no moment to desert the ship; but his mind is not on the job. Last week, he said that his diary was too full to attend the North Atlantic Assembly, its parliamentary wing — a blunder reversed only when he was told how deeply he had angered key members of Congress just before they debate Nato's mission in Bosnia. It is precisely because Nato is embarking on a critical test that its leadership must be rock steady. Mr Claes now seems certain to be cloistered for weeks with his lawyers. He cannot simultaneously be on the bridge.

LEVEL HEADS

Universities are not in business to compensate for poor schools

Many private school heads and parents have come to sense an antipathy among university admission tutors to the "over-privileged" private pupil, amounting in some cases to explicit prejudice. Their anxieties are difficult to evaluate. What determines individual decisions on applicants must always be at the discretion of universities themselves and particular instances of bias are difficult to prove. But these fears are prompting many parents who want their children to have a good chance of Oxbridge entry to withdraw them from private schools after the fifth form and place them in a state sixth-form college with a suitably egalitarian image.

The Headmasters' Conference and the Girls' Schools Association have tried to ascertain the truth. They have found a dozen cases which they feel show clear-cut evidence of bias against their pupils. In at least one case, a private school applicant was set considerably higher entrance requirements than a state school candidate.

This should come as no surprise. Several Cambridge colleges are known to demand lower A-level results from state pupils than from private ones. They argue that given the lower teaching standards and less supportive atmosphere in state schools, it is right to seek out able pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and make allowances for their poorer performance. But with a finite number of places, this reduces the chances of many high-performing private pupils: and as with all kinds of positive discrimination, there is a tendency for meritocratic impulses to merge into inverted favouritism.

What may have begun as well-intentioned fairness can harden into politicised class war. The battleground is singularly ill-chosen. Many private pupils come from working-class families who are either benefiting from assisted places or are making great sacrifices to pay school fees. A good many state school entrants are the products of sophisticated middle-class parents who are topping up inadequate schooling with the best private tutors that money can buy.

To accept lower standards for state pupils would be to damage all pupils in the long term. Instead, universities should be demanding improvements in state schools — seeking to "level up" rather than to penalise teenagers for the good fortune of a sound education. Blanket prejudices are always dangerous, and never more so than when they determine access to the life of the mind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nato expansion and safer Europe

From Sir Richard Luce and others

Sir, Writing from the Toronto conference of the Atlantic Treaty Association we endorse the assertion in your leader of September 29, "Strategic priorities", that the paramount issue confronting Nato is whether its expansion will make Europe safer.

The West must continue patiently to make it clear to the Russians that they will be warmly welcomed if they are prepared to develop closer links with Western Europe; that Nato is a defensive alliance; that we would welcome even closer collaboration with Russia; and that we will do everything possible to encourage reform and to promote stability, whilst at the same time stimulating a positive Russian engagement in international affairs.

The pursuit of a policy to enlarge Nato, in whatever way may secure a safer Europe, alongside a developing dialogue and partnership with Russia, requires a high level of leadership from the West.

Clearly we cannot allow Moscow to have a veto on the enlargement of Nato, if by enlargement we are confident of a more secure Europe. We believe that it is the overwhelming interest of us all that Russia should have a peaceful and prosperous future and play the constructive role that her position deserves in the international community.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LUCE,
Chairman,
PATRICK DUFFY,
Deputy Chairman,
ALAN LEE WILLIAMS,
Director,
Atlantic Council of
the United Kingdom,
As from: Atlantic House,
8a Lower Grosvenor Place, SW1.
October 4.

From Mr S. Z. Balanda

Sir, I read with astonishment and sadness the two letters in your edition of October 4 arguing against the extension of Nato to the east.

I am sure that the leaders of Russia do not for a moment believe that an expanded Nato will suddenly launch an imperialist campaign against Russia. What many Russians have in mind, as indeed some of them have already stated, is to rebuild their empire — and they want a free hand to do so when the opportunity arises.

Yours sincerely,
S. Z. BALANDA,
Ivy Cottage, The Street,
Wattisfield, Diss, Norfolk.
October 4.

From Mr Edmund M. Majewski

Sir, Mr Ralph L. Broughton (letter, October 4) regards the proposal for an eastward extension of Nato as "tantamount to a revival of the Cold War".

Had he been thrown out of his house, lost most male relatives shot by the Russians, his mother deported somewhere to the other side of Krasnoyarsk and at the age of 18, as I was then, sent for five years' gulag in Siberia, all for being Polish, he might welcome this "Nato plan which is plainly provocative".

Yours sincerely,
EDMUND M. MAJEWSKI,
10 Alphington Avenue,
Frimley, Camberley, Surrey.
October 4.

From Mr A. B. Ratcliffe

Sir, Can it really be possible that, only six years after the Iron Curtain was removed, Russia and the West are once again squaring up to each other?

Can nothing be done to bring the people responsible to their senses?

Yours faithfully,
A. B. RATCLIFFE,
38 Bradwell Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
October 7.

University pay

From the Chief Executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association

Sir, I know of no vice-chancellor or college principal who thinks that any staff in higher education are well paid (Mr Macfarlane's letter, October 2).

On the contrary, most believe that the recent massive expansion of higher education has been subsidised by staff. Over the last decade pay in higher education has barely kept pace with inflation. In contrast, the pay of schoolteachers has moved up in line with the rise in earnings in the economy as a whole.

In private, the leaderships of all the major political parties admit that something has to be done about the chronic underfunding of all aspects of higher education, including pay. None thinks it is an immediate political priority. Staff and students in higher education and their families are the only ones with enough votes to change their minds.

For Mr Macfarlane to blame the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (or UCEA) for this state of affairs is to mug the messenger.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ROUSE, Chief Executive,
Universities and Colleges
Employers Association,
12-14 Whitfield Street, W1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

'Rationing' and patients' interests

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir, Rationing has become an emotive term in healthcare (reports, October 5). It is a useful battle cry to rally the supporters of the NHS who are a very large majority of the electorate. It conjures up visions of the austerity years in which the NHS was born. But it can be misused.

There are dangers that almost any attempt to make health services more efficient ("cuts") will be branded as rationing and that the implementation of research findings which show people can be better treated at lower cost might be jeopardised. Many improvements in treatment cost less, not more.

If it becomes politically incorrect to look for ways in which the NHS might be made more cost-effective, then many opportunities to improve the standard of care will be lost.

The reporting of the purchasing intentions of Berkshire Health Commission ("Cuts in treatment provoke fears of NHS rationing", September 27) illustrates these dangers, particularly in relation to wisdom teeth removal. This is one of the most frequently performed operations in both the NHS and the private sector. But research has shown that prophylactic removal of wisdom teeth, which neither are nor ever have been diseased, is not in patients' interests.

The Berkshire Health Commission and other health authorities must not be hamstrung in implementing a policy along these lines. If their intention is to protect the interests of patients by ensuring that an outdated approach to wisdom teeth removal, with all the misery and cost it entails, is prevented, then well done. Many are profoundly grateful that similar changes occurred in relation to tonsil removals in the 1960s.

Such an approach is not rationing. It is sensible policy.

Yours faithfully,
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University of Wales College
of Medicine,
Department of Oral Surgery,
Medicine and Pathology,
Dental School,
Heath Park, Cardiff.
October 5.

From Dr Graham Prowse

Sir, You report (October 3) that Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, says many doctors nowadays are not using the most modern treatments for their patients.

Last night I attended a national neurology meeting to discuss a new drug which offers the greatest hope of arresting the progression of multiple sclerosis. This drug is not cheap, costing about £11,000 per annum per patient.

The message from the Department of Health was that there would be no new money available this year, and probably not next year, to allow for funding the cost of the drug via health authorities or GP fundholders, and also the back-up services required.

Perhaps this explains it, Mr Dorrell.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. W. PROWSE,
The Limes Medical Centre,
65 Leicester Road,
Narborough, Leicester.
October 4.

Allowed to die

From Mr Jonathan Montgomery

Sir, In your brief report today of the decision of the Jersey Royal Court to permit life-sustaining treatment to be withdrawn from a severely brain-damaged child it is wrongly stated that in Britain treatment may be withdrawn only from patients in a persistent vegetative state (PVS).

A series of cases involving children have established that treatment may be withdrawn if it is in the interests of the child to do so. The English courts have recognised that, in some circumstances, continuing medical treatment merely because it will prolong life is not in the interests of young patients. It may subject them to pain and discomfort for no real benefit.

Under the current law, the decision to withdraw life-sustaining treatment from children may be taken by the parents and health professionals without reference to a court.

In relation to adults, it is true that the leading case on withdrawing treatment, *Airedale NHS Trust* v *Bland* [1993] AC 789, concerned a patient in PVS. However, the principle of law that it laid down does not depend on that fact. The House of Lords held that it would not be unlawful to withdraw treatment, even if the patient would then die, if prolonging it is not in the patient's best interests.

The misconception that withdrawal is restricted to particular conditions, such as PVS, is dangerous because it is shared by some lawyers, and doctors have sometimes been wrongly advised that they may not withdraw treatment which they believe is cruel to their patients.

Yours faithfully,
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October 4.

Help with mortgages

From the Director of Shelter

Sir, The Government must resist calls to take panic measures to revive the housing market ("Lenders seek stimulus for housing market", Business, October 5). Massive subsidies to buy houses can only result in another artificial state-sponsored boom. What we need is stability.

However, the Government must not ignore warnings of a new repossession crisis. Statistics published in July by the Council of Mortgage Lenders show a 4 per cent increase in repossessions, the first rise since figures peaked in 1991.

The reductions in income support for mortgage interest for unemployed homeowners will add to the one thousand families and individuals losing their homes to mortgage arrears every week.

What we need is a mortgage benefit scheme for unemployed and low-income homeowners, paid for by the savings from cutting mortgage interest tax relief. Mortgage rescue schemes to help repossessed owners stay in their homes as tenants or part-owners should also be promoted.

Only then can we hope to stem the rising tide of repossessions which will ultimately result in more homelessness.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS HOLMES,
Director,
Shelter,
88 Old Street, EC1.
October 5.

A case for Dalgliesh?

From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith

Sir, Baroness (P. D.) James (letters from Mr Richardson and Mr Shepherd, September 30) rightly objects to suggestions that she should abandon her poetic detective, Commander Adam Dalgliesh, in favour of working-class policemen, patiently combating drug-pushing, child abuse and juvenile violence in the inner cities, where the detection is mundane, the crimes squalid, and the villains predictable.

The great amateur detectives, Poirot, Wimsey, Campion, even Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown, were remote from reality, and have been replaced by scholarly professionals like Dalgliesh and Inspector Morse. They still have the freedom from the tiresome chores of daily life that makes their subtle deductions and clues fascinating, and a challenge to the reader's intellect.

If crime writers succumb to politically correct guidelines, with strict censorship of a growing list of forbidden areas, such as ethnic minorities, feminists, old people, fat people, etc, to whom no derogatory characteristics are permissible, their sales will decline, and they will have to think seriously about their means of livelihood.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON M. L. SMITH,
9 Greenfield Way,
Storrington, West Sussex.
October 6.

Street signs

From Dr H. A. Osmaston

Sir, If street signs were conspicuously displayed (Dr Hudson's letter, October 4; also letter, September 29) it would save countless delivery drivers, unlicensed minicab drivers and ordinary people much time, money and frustration. Many other cities such as Delhi can set us a good example. But having found our way to the right street, we then have to find the right building.

Too often we have to count along a series of *Mon Repos* and *Dunroamins* to find number 7, and too often the modern shopfront or office block bears no number. Should not local authorities enforce regulations to make the conspicuous display of numbers compulsory?

Yours frustratedly,
HENRY OSMASTON,
Finsthwaite Cottage,
Finsthwaite, Ulverston, Cumbria.
October 5.

The Orkney vole

From Dr Duncan Heddle

Sir, The temperature of my Orcadian blood is up.

The view (report and leading article, September 30) that the ancestors of the present-day Orkney vole were introduced by early settlers (thousands of years before the "Ur-Norsemen" of your editorial and well before the "Bronze Age" of your report) has long been seen as more credible than either a land-bridge migration or an indigenous origin at the species level.

Your leader is incorrect in implying that this animal is a "genus" peculiar to Britain; but the subspecies *Microtus arvalis orcadensis* is unique to Orkney.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN HEDDLE,
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October 2.

National failure to reduce obesity

From Professor M. E. J. Lean

Sir, I have been concerned about the delay in publishing the report on obesity submitted over a year ago by the government Task Force on Nutrition and Physical Activity (report, September 29; letter, October 2).

As the prevalence of overweight in the UK is still rising at an alarming rate it is clear that prevention at national level has not been effective and that current treatment strategies of diet and exercise are not working for many patients in the long term.

There are a whole host of reasons why people become obese. Genetic, social and psychological factors all play a part in the context of a high-fat diet and in a generally inactive population. For these reasons, and from a consideration of its health consequences, obesity must be considered a disease in its own right.

It has a specific group of symptoms including breathlessness, back pain, arthritis, tiredness and sweatiness which affect millions of people. It is a primary cause of several important diseases (heart disease, diabetes, insulin resistance, hypertension and certain cancers) and contributes to many others as well as complicating recovery from surgical procedures.

Overweight or obesity is immediately recognisable to most of us but it is the result of a slow process of weight gain which is often difficult to detect. This disease should be diagnosed and treated by a physician at a stage before there is major weight gain and permanent damage done.

The identification of individuals at high risk, such as those with a family history of diabetes, heart disease or hypertension, is important. Also, it should be remembered that even modest weight loss (5-10 per cent of body weight) can bring significant health benefits and reduce mortality from associated diseases.

As a profession, doctors ought to be concentrating on developing new strategies for prevention and treatment which are more effective and will help people to maintain healthier body weights. They need to be supported by actions from other groups, both within government and in society as a whole, which recognise the hazards of physical inactivity and a diet that is too high in fat, particularly in younger people.

Yours etc,
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October 5.

Contempt of court

From His Honour Judge John A. Baker

Sir, I was in the Lord Chief Justice's Court in 1949 when the Editor of the *Daily Mirror*, Mr Silvester Bolam, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for contempt of court. As he was being led away by the tipstaff to Brixton prison Lord Goddard turned to where some directors and other representatives of the *Daily Mirror* were sitting and said, to the best of my recollection: "Be sure that the long arm of the law does not stretch out and get you."

The court then adjourned.

I wonder if it is now timely for the legal profession and others to consider who may be held responsible for the contents of newspapers [reports on stoppage of the Geoff Knights prosecution, October 5].

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. BAKER,
The Crown Court at Kingston
upon Thames,
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Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
October 5.

Not so taciturn

From Professor Christopher White, FBA, Director of the Ashmolean Museum

Sir, Robert Hamilton would not have been pleased to be described (Obituary, September 30) as a former Director of the Ashmolean Museum, the establishment of which post, with its implications of centralisation, he strenuously fought. He was the last Keeper of the museum.

In 1961 he considered taking up the directorship of the Museum of Antiquities in Iran, not in Iraq. Declining this post, he did not opt "for a productive retirement", but continued working at the Ashmolean until 1972, when he retired. He did not resign.

I only knew him in his 80s, when by no stretch of the imagination could he be characterised as "taciturn".

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WHITE,
The University of Oxford,
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.
October 2.

In a pickle

From Mr Alan Root

Sir, Having made my apple chutney, I am now apprehensive that it will attract a windfall tax (letters, September 21, 23, 30; October 5).

Yours faithfully,
ALAN ROOT,
Thornwell Cottage,
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October 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE

October 7: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 7: The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, this afternoon awarded the first degrees in the College's history, thus marking the granting of this power to the College by The Queen in Council.

BALMORAL CASTLE

October 8: The Queen attended Divine Service in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Reverend Keith Angus preached the Sermon.

Mr Martin Leslie was received *by The Queen upon his retirement* as Resident Factor, Balmoral, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK

October 8: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a performance of Berlioz's *Romeo et Juliette*, given by the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique, at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, will preside at a meeting of the WWF executive committee at Buckingham Palace at 3.00; and, as trustee, will attend a dinner at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, at 7.15. The Duke of York will also attend.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Aberdeen Carers Centre, 24-28 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, at 11.00; will attend a fund-raising luncheon at The Marcliffe at Pitfodels, North Deeside Road, Pitfodels, at 12.25; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the private appeal committee meeting at Buckingham Palace at 5.00; and will attend the private appeal dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.50.

The Duchess of Kent, as president, will visit the headquarters of NCH Action for Children, Highbury Park, N5, at 10.00.

Lecture

The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Trust

Mr Shyam Benegal will deliver the 19th Nehru Memorial Lecture on "The Indian Film Industry and The Popular Cinema" on Thursday, October 26, at 6.30pm at the Nehru Centre, 8 South Audley Street, London, W1. Free entry, telephone 0171-629 7851 to reserve your seat.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir George Tomline, Bishop of Winchester 1820-27, Bury St Edmunds, 1750; Mary Tighe, poet, Ireland, 1772; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, Paris, 1835; Emil Fischer, chemist, Nobel laureate 1902, Euskirchem, Germany, 1852; Nikolai Bukharin, revolutionary, Moscow, 1888; Jacques Tati, actor and film director, Paris, 1908; John Lennon, singer and songwriter, Liverpool, 1940.

DEATHS: Claude Perrault, architect and physician, Paris, 1688; Sir Richard Blackmore, physician and writer, Boxted, Essex, 1729; Joseph Farwell Glidden, farmer, inventor of barbed wire, De Kalb, Illinois, 1906; King Alexander I of Yugoslavia, assassinated, Marseilles, 1934; Sir Wilfred Grenfell, medical missionary, Charlotte, Vermont, 1940; Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1939-58, Castelgandolfo, Italy, 1958; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, 1959; André Maurois, novelist and biographer, Paris, 1967; Che Guevara, guerrilla leader, Bolivia, 1967; Orson Welles, actor and film director, Hollywood, 1985.

Yale College received its charter, 1701.

Uganda became independent, 1962.

Mr R.M.A. Bourne

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bobbie Bourne will be held on Wednesday, October 18, in Eton College Chapel at 2.45pm.

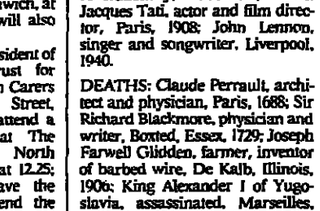
Nature notes

FLOCKS of young magpies are chattering together in the treetops, while the adults stay in pairs in their territories. One very distinctive call that is often heard at present is like an oar creaking in a rowlock. All of them are hiding acorns and fruit in holes in the ground for later consumption.

Redpolls are coming south and feeding on catkins in the yellowing birch woods: they are like small linnets with a splash of bright red on the forehead. In the linnet, only the male has a red forehead, and he loses it in winter. Woodcock are coming in across the North Sea: they lie all day on the woodland floor, where their plumage blends with the fallen leaves, and feed in wet meadows at night.

Trees look very dappled where the seeds still hang among the leaves. London plane trees are changing colour earlier this year, and some of the greenish-brown bobbles of fruit already have a background of brown and yellow leaves.

On ash trees, there are pale green clusters of seeds, or keys, and on sycamores there are abundant chocolate-brown seeds that will soon come spinning down in circles. DJM



The woodcock

MARTIN BEDDALL



Panels of 15th-century glass removed from Coventry Cathedral before it was destroyed in the Second World War have been remounted in the offices of AXA Equity and Law in Coventry. The glass, which lay in storage until restoration by York Glaziers Trust in 1992, went on show during a company open day at the weekend

Birthdays today

The Duke of Kent celebrates his 60th birthday today.

Mr Joe Ashton, MP, 62; Mr Brian Blessed, actor, 58; Colonel W. S. Brownlow, Lord Lieutenant of County Down, 74; Miss Sally Burgess, singer, 42; Mr Paul Channon, MP, 60; Lord Chelmer, 81; the Right Rev Lord Coggan, 86; Dr William Cole, organist, 86; Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer, 44; Sir Colin Corness, former chairman, Redland, 64; Mr Denzil Davies, MP, 57; Mr Stuart Devlin, gold and silversmith, 64; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 88; Mr John Doubleday, sculptor, 48; Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, Provost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 66; Mr Peter Elliott, athlete, 33; Sir David Goodall, diplomat, 64; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, 88; Lord Haskel, 61; Mr H.U.A. Lambert, former chairman, Sun Alliance Group, 70; the Duke of Manchester, 57; Professor Sir Peter Mansfield, physicist, 62; Sir John Margetson, diplomat, 68; Mr Eamonn Martin, athlete, 37; Mr N.M. Mischler, former chairman, Hoechst UK, 75; Earl Nelson, 54; Miss Marianne Neville-Rolfe, senior regional director North West for the DTI, 51; Mr Steve Ovett, athlete, 40; Sir Norman Payne, former chairman, BAA, 74; Mr John Pilger, journalist, author and film-maker, 56; Mr Andy Platt, rugby league player, 32; the Earl of Plymouth, 72; Commander Michael Saunders Watson, former president, Historic Houses Association, 61; Lord Shaw of Northstead, 75; Mr Donald Sinden, actor, 72; Colonel the Earl of Stair, 89; Mr Bill Tidy, cartoonist, 62.

Service luncheons

King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

Major-General Ian Lyall Grant, President of the King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners Officers Association, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held on Saturday at Blackwater, Camberley.

ATS Dinner Club

Lieutenant-Colonel Betty Michell, Chairman of the ATS Dinner Club, presided at the annual luncheon held on Saturday at the Mount Royal Hotel, W1.

Archaeology

Looted artefacts 'sold openly in London'

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

LONDON has become the focal point of the world trade in looted antiquities, a leading British archaeologist claims.

Objects stolen from museums and illegally excavated are sold by the auction houses and dealers on a "no questions asked" basis in a trade second only to drug smuggling in turnover.

"The London art market has always been one of the most notable in the world, and traditionally among the more highly reputed," Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn says in the *Journal of Financial Crime*. Now, however, antiquities are offered without plausible provenance and "certainly without any guarantee that they are not the product of recent looting".

There is little sign of the code of practice, intended to discourage such dealings and endorsed some years ago by "the more reputable dealers and auction houses" being applied by dealers, Lord Renfrew says.

"The traffic in looted antiquities is now said to be second only to that of drug smuggling, and there is evidence that the traffic in antiquities and the traffic in drugs often go hand in hand," he says. This applies particularly when objects come from drug-producing countries in South-East Asia and South America, and the portability of artefacts makes them a good medium for money laundering.

Pieces looted from the national museums of Iraq and Afghanistan during recent wars are openly offered for sale in London, but Britain has long refused to sign the 1970 Unesco convention on the illegal movement of cultural property. Lord Renfrew says that the Department of National Heritage "seems content to take no initiative".

Lord Renfrew was among peers who criticised the Government's killing of the Treasure Bill, in a House of Lords debate earlier this year that resulted in a government promise that the measure would be reintroduced this session.

Lord Renfrew has also criticised British institutions for insensitivity on the issue: although the British Museum has an explicit policy of not acquiring pieces lacking a sound provenance, he claims the Royal Academy last year displayed and publicised privately-owned artefacts that were not properly sourced.

Howell's School, Denbigh

Term began on September 3 following record results at both A level and GCSE. The Prime Warden is Jill Unsworth and her Deputy is Sara Robinson. The Senior Day Girl is Sara Tomkins and Head of Sixth Form House is Carriona Scott. Lucy Okell, Laura Emmerson and Katherine Baily joined the senior school this term as Drapers' Scholars. The Open Day for both the senior school and preparatory is on Saturday, October 14, 1995, and the entrance examinations take place on January 24-26, 1996. Term ends on Friday, December 15, with a Carol Service in the School Chapel. Any Old Howellians wishing to renew contact with the School are invited to contact the Headmistress.

Cardiff Business Club

Programme of speakers for 1995/96 syllabus:

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October 9: Mr Nigel Rudd, Williams Holdings Plc

October 16: Lord Crickhowell, Cardiff Bay Opera House Trust

October 23: Mr Richard Lambert, *Financial Times*

November 6: Mr Geoff Miller, Derbyshire CCC & England

November 13: Mr William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales

November 20: Mr David Thomas, Mercedes Benz UK

December 14: Sir Tasker Watkins

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January 15: Mr Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor

January 29: M Jean Gueguinou, French Ambassador

February 5: Mr Ian Plenderleith, Bank of England

February 19: Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff

February 23: Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls

March 4: Lord Walker of Worcester

March 11: Sir Ron Dearing, School Curriculum & Assessment Authority

March 15: Mr Peter Lilley, MP

March 25: Mr Derek Wanless, NatWest Bank.

Dinner

Association of Lancastrians in London

Mr Thomas P. Frost, President of the Association of Lancastrians in London, presided at the annual dinner and dance held on Saturday at The Grand Hotel, Lytham St Anne's. Among those present were:

Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde and Mr Keith McDowall, Lord and Lady Taylor of Blackburn, Air Marshal Sir Herbert and Lady Durkin and Mrs Frost.

Norland Place School, London

Mrs Sylvia Garnsey, Principal NPS for the past thirty years, has announced her intention to retire at the commencement of the Summer Term 1996, and has made the following appointment. Mr David Alexander, currently Deputy Head of St Paul's Cathedral Choir School, will join the school on January 1, 1996 and take up the position of Headmaster in April of that year.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.W.H. Ashworth and Mlle S. Déjean

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs John Ashworth, of St Columb, Cornwall, and Sophie, only daughter of M and Mme Claude Déjean, of Haute Pyrenées, France.

Mr J.C. Bray and Miss E.S. Hamilton-Russell

The engagement is announced between Jonathon, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Bray, of Lilbourne, Warwickshire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hamilton-Russell, of Barley, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.J. Charles-Jones and Miss L.G. Seth Smith

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr Hugh Charles-Jones and Mrs Pamela Charles-Jones, and Imogen, daughter of Commander and the Hon Mrs Martin Seth Smith.

Mr M.L. Goutaudier and Miss A.M.T. Harland

The engagement is announced between Michel, elder son of Docteur and Madame S.C. Goutaudier, of Paris, and Arabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M.B. Harland, of Blewbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr E.R. Lambert and Miss E.C. Morris

The engagement is announced between Edward Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Lambert, of Masham, North Yorkshire, and Emma Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Morris, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr J-F.G. Pin and Miss L.J. Moore

The engagement is announced between *Jean-François, youngest* son of M and Mme Jacques Pin, of Roanne, France, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Moore, of Frome, Somerset.

Mr S.J. Reeve-Tucker and Miss L.M. Barran

The engagement is announced between Stephen, fourth son of the late Lieutenant Colonel T.S.W. Reeve-Tucker and of Mrs Reeve-Tucker, of Perrystone Towers, Ross-on-Wye, and Lalage, younger daughter of Sir David and Lady Barran, of Kensington Square, London.

Mr L.G. Verdon-Roe and Miss H.L. Hollingshead

The engagement is announced between Lighton, only son of Mr and Mrs Royce Verdon-Roe, of Warsash, Hampshire, and Henrietta, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hollingshead, of Combe Raleigh, Honiton, Devon.

Mr T.A.Y. Wright and Miss L.J. Hodgson

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wright, of Kingsbarns, Fife, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hodgson, of Kilconquhar, Fife.

Marriages

Mr S.R. Alford and Miss S.P.T. de Bertodano

The marriage took place on October 7, at Hendred House, Wantage, of Mr Stuart Alford, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Alford, and Miss Sylvia de Bertodano daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin de Bertodano. Father Gerald O'Collins, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Clare Cazalet. Mr Alan Haywood was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent in New England.

Dr R.A. Pipe and Dr A.B. Koziell

The marriage took place on September 30, at Brompton Oratory, between Dr Roderic Alan *Pipe, son of Mr and Mrs Allan* Pipe, of Callas, Var, France, and Dr Ania Barbara Koziell, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs S.J. Koziell, of Acton.

RAF College Cranwell

Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was the reviewing officer on October 5 at the graduation of 61 officers of No 158 Initial Officer Training Course and 17 officers of No 259 Specialist Entrant and Re-Entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

No 158 Initial Officer Training Course

General Duties Branch — Pilot

Flying Officer M M Lennon.

Pilot Officers P B Altoft BSc, G M J Cothill BSc, N M C Dales BA, M J English BA, R A Green BEng, M J Hollywood BSc, D A Ingall BEng, *M C Lindley BCom, S C Long BA*, D M Nash BSc, A G Pickup BSc MSc, C Rae Meng, S P Richings BSc, P J R Warmerdam BSc.

Acting Pilot Officers C F Epps, A R Everett, A P D Fowle, R L Keeling, J M Smith, B T Wills.

General Duties Branch — Navigator

Flying Officers S A Graham BA, D C Ogilvie BSc.

Pilot Officers J T Hall BEng, C T S John BSc, L M Mayo MA.

Acting Pilot Officers M J Elsey, R C Pilkington.

General Duties (Ground) Branch — Air Traffic Control

Flying Officer J Harris BA.

Pilot Officers J B Brown BA, H Todd BA.

General Duties (Ground) Branch — Fighter Control

Pilot Officer H D Lindsey BSc.

Acting Pilot Officer R L Robinson.

Engineer Branch

Flying Officers A J Cooke BSc ARCS, N P Limb BEng, R M Stanley BEng GradRAeS, C T Webb BEng MEng, J E Wild BSc GradInstP.

Pilot Officers R E Burnham BEng AIRE, P T Tedman BEng, L D Thorley BEng.

Supply Branch

Flying Officers G A Casey, P J Higgett, A J O'Neill.

Pilot Officers G L Bullard BA, J C Crewe BA, D J Hubbick BA, V L Lane BA, G Pude BSc.

Acting Pilot Officer A M Thomson.

Administrative Branch — Secretarial

Flying Officer P A McClurg.

Pilot Officer J V Craggs BSc.

Administrative Branch — Catering

Flying Officer M G Neaves BSc.

Pilot Officer S L Furness.

Security Branch — Provost

Acting Pilot Officer N Green.

Director of Music

Flight Lieutenant G J Bain BA LRAM, ARCM MTL.

Foreign and Commonwealth students

Royal Jordanian Air Force — Pilot

Second Lieutenant A F Sharaf BA

Qatar Emirate Air Force — Pilot

Second Lieutenants F M A Al Hubabi, M N A Al Hubabi, H M S Al Qahtani.

No 259 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course

Medical Branch

Flight Lieutenants G M Avery BM, K Birch BM BSc, D J G Bryson MB ChB, T N Dyman MB ChB, D Evriviades BSc MB ChB, C E Jackson MB ChB, J R Naylor MB ChB, S A Smith MB BCh, M J Temple MB ChB.

Dental Branch

Squadron Leader M J Reith BDSc

Flight Lieutenants I R Jones BDS, J D Tisley BDS, R G McLelland BDS.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Flight Lieutenant D W Lamb RGN; Flying Officer M K Hill RGN.

Chaplain's Branch

Flight Lieutenant J F Hudghton BA.

Prizewinners of No 158 Initial Officer Training Course

Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize, Pilot Officer J E Brown BA.

British Aircraft Corporation Trophy, *Flight Lieutenant G J Bain* BA LRAM ARCM MIL.

Overseas Students' Prize, Second Lieutenant A F Sharaf BA RJAF.

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BIRTHS

BUCK-LASHLY To the Reverend Ashley Buck and Jo Lashly on 30th September 1995 Patrick Dafydd Michael and Katherine Margaret Angharad 2 brother and sister for William.

CONNICK on October 6th 1996 in Hong Kong to Alison (née Tottie) and Jeremy, a son Oliver William. First Grandchild for Valerie Tottie. fifth for Claire & Ivor Connick. first Great-grandchild for Kathleen Cooper and fifth for 'Bill' Benson.

JOHNSEN - On October 4th, to Hugo and Claire (née Hobson), a son, Alexander.

SEDGWICK ROUGH - On September 25th, to Lucinda (née Whitehead) and Roger, a daughter, Willa Katie.

DEATHS

BARBOSA On October 5th in Hospital at Tunbridge Wells Arthur Ernest Teixeira Barbosa aged 87 years beloved husband of Isobel. Funeral service at Saint Michael and All Angels Withyham on Friday October 13th at 2.15pm. Flowers and enquires to R Medhurst, F/D, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD Tel 01892 770253.

BENSON Joan Laura peacefully in hospital. Eldest daughter of the late Mr & Mrs W J Benson of Newbrough Northumberland. Funeral Private.

ERSKINE of **KERRICK** - Peacefully on 5th October 1995 at Norfolk House Nursing Home, 39 Portmore Park Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8HQ, Henrietta (Hetta), aged 96. Beloved wife of the late John Maxwell. Adored Mother of Betty and the late Iain Maxwell (died 7th June 1995) and mother-in-law to Gilbert. Devoted Dodo to her grandchildren, Elizabeth, David, Brian, Henrietta, Griselda and Cora and to her great-grandchildren, Edward, James, Emma, Laura, Sophie, Lucy and baby Rosanna. Private family funeral. Donations if desired in her memory to "Macmillan Nurses" c/o Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

CZERNIN Maud Sarah died on the 6th October 1995 beloved mother of Nicholas and Carolyn and much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium Wednesday 11th October at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, no letters please.

FAIRBAIRN On October the 2nd 1995, Marion (Morag) Mackinnon aged 75. Loved and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral 1.45pm on Wednesday October 11th at Putney Vale. Family flowers only. *Donations if you wish to the* Renal Unit (RUSH), Saint Heller Trust Hospital, SM5 1AA. Further enquiries to Ashton-Mathias Funeral Service, Tel: 0181 788 1790.

HAMMOND on 5th October 1995 David Norman Anthony, aged 53 years. Devoted husband of Deborah. Will be sadly missed by all the family and friends. Enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis. Tel (01243) 864745.

JACKSON - Margery died peacefully on October 4th in hospital, aged 86, beloved wife of Stanley and mother to Tisha and Linda. Service at St Michael's Church, Axmouth, at 12 noon on Monday 16th October. *Family flowers only.* Donations, if wished, to British Heart Foundation or Seaton Hospital League of Friends c/o Overmass & Chappie (Funerals), Queen Street, Seaton, Devon EX12 2RB.

KENDALL on 5th October 1995 after a heart attack. Dr Edith Lorna, aged 74 years, the Founding Head of the Department of Religious Studies at Canterbury Christ Church College. Much loved by her family and friends all over the world. Reception into St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury on Thursday 12th October at 4.30 pm. Requiem Eucharist at St. Dunstan's on Friday 13th October at 9.30 am. Funeral Service of Thanksgiving in Canterbury Cathedral at 2.15 pm followed by tea at Christ Church College, to which all are invited. No flowers, please, but donations in her memory to "The Kendall Memorial Fund" to assist overseas students at Canterbury Christ Church College, may be sent to Canon Reg Humphriss, Saltwood Rectory, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4QA (01303 266932) to whom any enquiries may be made.

MORRIS Alix (née Saunders). Beloved mother of Nicholas, Oisean and Lara passed away peacefully at home October 4th aged 51. She was a dear friend. 'And you'll be safe, flow on, flow on.' Seamus Heaney.

PHILIP - John Matthew Chisholm ("Elsa"), on 6 October, Loving and much loved husband of Enid, father of John and Neil, father-in-law of Mary and Emma, and poppa to Roisin and Sinéad. War service in the 2nd Surrey Regiment, Royal Artillery. Former Secretary of the Southern Regional Council for Further Education, Honory Fellow of the University of Portsmouth. Service at Henley Road Cemetery Chapel, Reading, on Thursday 12 October at 12.30 p.m. Enquiries to A.B.Walker & Son. 01734 573660.

ROBERTS - David Lewis on October 5th peacefully at Royal United Hospital, Bath after a brief illness. Much loved husband of Caroline and father of Peter, Teresa, Kay and Joanna. Beloved grandfather of Blaise, Billy, Ellie and Ashley. Funeral 11am Wednesday 11th October. St. Patricks, Corsham. Wilts. Flowers to H. Merrett. 57a Pickwick Road, Corsham.

RULE Clare Marie (née Hockey) beloved wife of Donald Gordon suddenly of a stroke. Funeral Corpus Christi Woldingham and East Hampstead Crematorium 12th October 2pm. Strictly no flowers.

STANNARD - On Tuesday 3rd October 1995, Enid Winifred, peacefully at The Carlton Inter Continental Hotel, Cannes. Private memorial service at Holy Trinity Church, Cannes, on Tuesday 10th October. No flowers but donations to Sunny Bank Hospital, Cannes.

VYVYAN - Sir John Stanley Bart. born January 1916 died peacefully at home on 6th October. He was a greatly loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. The funeral will be on Wednesday 11th October at 2 pm in the Chapel at Trelowarren. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to R.S.P.B.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOURNE A Thanksgiving Service for the life of R.M.A Bourne will be held at Eton College Chapel on Wednesday 18th October 1995 at 2.45 pm. All welcome.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ODHO - Paul 1944-87. *'Be thou my judge O Lord, for I* have walked innocently'.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

STEVENS - A Memorial meeting to celebrate the life and work of Emeritus Professor Jack Stevens will be held at 5.30 pm on Friday October 20th 1995 in the King's Hall, Armstrong Building, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The meeting will be followed by light refreshments served in the Council Chamber.

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OBITUARIES

SIR FREDERICK DELVE

Sir Frederick Delve, CBE, former Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade, died on October 5 aged 92. He was born on October 28, 1902.



Sir Frederick Delve, centre, at a 1983 reunion of the wartime fire services

FREDDIE DELVE rose from the ranks to become the most distinguished fire officer of his time and the first to be knighted while still in uniform. He helped to set up the National Fire Service (NFS) in the war, played a leading role during the Blitz, then recreated the London Fire Brigade (LFB) in peacetime Britain. The "999" free emergency call system was among the changes that he helped to introduce.

Delve partly owed his career to a cruel gesture when he was a schoolboy in the First World War. While he was walking along Brighton seafront, a girl pinned a white feather to his jacket — a supposed badge of shame for young men not at the front. She had clearly mistaken the age of the tall 15-year-old. But Delve felt so humiliated that he ran home and swore he would join the Royal Navy. He signed up on his 16th birthday, less than a fortnight before the First World War ended.

The Navy trained him as a wireless operator and dispatched him to the Black Sea in a light cruiser, helping to evacuate British nationals fleeing from Bolshevik Russia after the revolution. As ex-servicemen hunted for jobs after the war, it was Delve's training and experience in the developing field of wireless which helped him to get his first job, with Brighton Fire Brigade. From this point in 1923, he never looked back.

Frederick William Delve was the son of a Brighton master tailor. His parents had had four daughters, and had given up all hope of a son when Freddie unexpectedly turned up, "like an afterthought".

Within six years of becoming a fireman he was a deputy chief officer. He had also won a diploma for rescuing a woman from a fire and five guineas for freeing a man trapped down a well. He had passed all his exams with flying colours.

In 1934, aged 31, Delve was given command of Croydon Fire Brigade, the youngest chief officer in the country at that time. He at once introduced a strict daily training routine and prepared the way for Croydon to become the first radio-controlled service in Britain. In 1936 he led a team of six appliances to help to fight the historic blaze at Crystal Palace. During the same year, Delve joined a Home Office committee which was planning an auxiliary fire service and henceforth became increasingly involved in preparations for the Second World War.

He was still based, however, at Croydon which suffered its first big air raid in August 1940 when many lives were lost and Croydon airport was severely damaged. On December 29 and 30 he and his men were helping in London as 2,500 fires raged through the capital. He and others were well aware of underlying weaknesses, with 67 separate brigades in the London region. Not only was there no clear chain of command but much of their firefighting equipment was incompatible. Such anomalies prompted the birth of the NFS.

Delve was made deputy inspector-in-chief of the NFS in 1941, moving two years later to take charge of No 5 region covering London. He was also the official adviser to the Colonial Office on wartime fire defences in the colonies. In 1940 he was awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal, and during 1941-42 served as president of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He was appointed CBE in 1942.

In 1948 he was given command of London Fire Brigade (LFB) with the task of re-forming the brigade after the war. Determined that it should regain its prestige, Delve drew up a training regimen like that he had introduced at Croydon. A stern memo accompanied his orders, reminding the 2,500 firemen that the strength of any chain was "no more than its weakest link".

This led to conflict with the firemen's union which complained in 1949 that the men were being overtaxed and which passed a vote of no confidence in their chief. Delve's response was to organise a press demonstration in which he himself volunteered to play the victim, being carried down a high ladder from a fifth floor. The picture story made every front page, and the union protest melted before popular acclaim.

Two years later there was more industrial strife. The union, claiming wage parity with the police, organised an unprecedented "go-slow" in November 1951. Delve promptly charged 1,400 men for breaching discipline.

In the following month, however, a serious fire broke out in a goods yard near Liverpool Street station, killing three firemen and injuring many more, including the deputy chief officer who lost a leg. Praise was heaped on the bravery of his men and Delve immediately sought permission to drop all charges.

Despite his reputation as a disciplinarian, Delve was never inflexible. Faced with a 14 per cent shortfall in recruiting, he abolished the height and chest measurements requirement. He insisted only on a man being physically fit, and would try to give him some time to meet the standard.

His 14 years in command of the LFB were also marked by continual improvements in equipment. He rationalised the old network of control centres to create one brigade headquarters at Lambeth. At the same time he prepared a building programme for new fire stations and replaced the old petrol-driven appliances with powerful Rolls-Royce diesel engines.

It was Delve who got rid of the old street fire alarms, once a familiar sight throughout the capital. He argued in the face of fierce opposition that the system had outlived its usefulness. Costly to maintain, the alarms were being abused by drunks and hoaxers. Instead he persuaded the Post Office to replace them with additional telephone boxes and helped to develop the 999 emergency service.

Meanwhile, he fought to raise the status of his force by inviting celebrities to carry out inspections and take parades. Lords Mountbatten and Montgomery were among them, while the Duke of Edinburgh was a frequent visitor.

After retiring from the LFB in 1962, the same year he was knighted, he joined the board of Securicor, rising to become a joint vice-chairman and then vice-president. He also acted as a consultant on training and fire prevention, displaying the same meticulous attention to every detail. He was made an honorary life president on retiring in 1985, aged 83.

Delve never lost his interest in the fire service. He continued to give lectures and write articles and, from his flat on the seafront at Hove, kept an eagle eye on his old force at Brighton. He wrote to congratulate the brigade on its performance when an IRA bomb ripped through the Grand Hotel.

He had married his wife Ethel ("Delvi") in 1924. He had seen her diving from a raft near Brighton pier and waylaid her as she came out of the water. She later confessed that she had seen him first and had carried out her diving routine to catch his eye. They were married for 56 years and Freddie Delve was broken-hearted when she died in 1980. They had no children.

MICHAEL THOMAS

Michael Thomas, entrepreneur, died in Hamburg on September 25 aged 79. He was born in Berlin on November 7, 1915.

MICHAEL THOMAS was an Anglo-German example of what wars can do to people. He was born into Jewish intellectual and artistic circles in Berlin, the son of the theatre director, critic and novelist, Felix Hollaender; his cousin Friedrich worked with Max Reinhardt and wrote *Falling in Love Again* and the rest of the music for Marlene Dietrich's film *The Blue Angel*.

When Ulrich Hollaender, as he was then known, was forbidden as a Jew to take his degree at Tübingen he emigrated to Britain in disgust, and changed his name to Michael Thomas. He was naturalised and during the war, after the usual spell for German refugees in the Pioneer Corps, was commissioned in the Army. The platoon he commanded called him the Prussian Baron because he made them clean their teeth and take a shower every day.

In 1944 he was liaison officer to the Polish division that was to help to close the Falaise Gap. Fifty years later before the D-Day celebrations, he heard that the Poles had not been invited to the ceremony. He interceded with the Minister of Defence and although his old friend, General Maczek, was too old to attend, Poland was represented and an injustice averted.

He returned to Germany when the Control Commission was established, and immediately began to network among the emergent politicians with such success that Major-General Gerald Templer, the military commander of the British Zone, made him his roving liaison officer. Thomas soon had Templer meeting the emerging leaders of political opinion. He himself was a strong supporter of Konrad Adenauer, the first postwar Chancellor of the Federal German Republic, and of the Christian Democratic Union, and he predicted that they would gain power.

When, however, Templer gave an order that no German should continue to wear his uniform even if stripped of badges of rank, Thomas protested that for thousands of Germans these were the only clothes they possessed. Templer sacked him. Later, when they met in Singapore, they again got on good terms (not surprisingly, since Thomas had never ceased to praise Templer as the man who had prevented chaos in Germany in 1945). But meanwhile, in Germany, Thomas was left in the Control Commission at the mercy of staff who resented his easy access to Templer. When Thomas was called a Jew-boy by his commanding officer, he was disgusted and got himself demobilised, though he returned to the commission as a civilian.

Thomas was determined not to remain a rootless refugee and decided, in the late 1940s, to live in Germany. Adenauer urged him to go into politics but Thomas realised he needed a base, and instead he joined the great steel firm of Coutinho Caro. There he made a fortune. He excelled in setting up "turnkey" projects in Third World countries where he built industrial complexes and then turned them over to those who were to run them. In the late 1970s, he left Coutinho Caro and continued to work on similar projects, but with his own company. He retired in the mid-1980s.

He remained devoted to Britain. He married an English woman, Elizabeth Dring, sent his two sons to Eton, his daughter to Benenden, and wrote a memoir *Deutschland, England über Alles*. (His daughter Gina became the London cultural correspondent of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.) An excellent cook, he was, like most chefs, a tyrant in the kitchen. His passion was politics. Nothing delighted him more than to spend an evening setting the world to rights with the journalist Marion Dönhoff.

He helped to set up *Der Spiegel* but though he disapproved of its politics, the Editor Rudolf Augstein was his close friend. He was choleric, perspicacious and exceptionally well-informed, a man of considerable charm who captured the hearts of the young as well as of his contemporaries.

He is survived by his wife, his two sons and his daughter.

ALEKSANDER ZYW

Aleksander Zyw, Polish war artist, died at Castagneto Carducci, Italy, on September 17 aged 90. He was born at Lida, then in Russian Poland, now in Belorussia, on September 14, 1905.

IN A wartime career which began as a machinegunner in France, Aleksander Zyw became a war artist, and followed the progress of Polish forces based in Britain as they trained for the invasion of Europe and then crossed the Channel to fight in Normandy in July 1944. His sketches evoke the atmosphere of the battlefield as well as the moments of repose that occur between action.

He had an eye for the unusual juxtapositions that are germane to war: a large artillery piece parked in front of the main door of Abbeville Cathedral; the jagged, warlike silhouette of a tank seen against the gentle undulations of the Normandy terrain; a corporal turned compositor setting paragraphs for the Polish army newspaper. In a different vein are sketches such as *Bombing Enemy Lines, August 14*, in which the writhing smoke from explosions seems to dominate and dwarf the Normandy landscape.

Aleksander Zyw had two birthdays. Because of the involved bureaucratic situation in the Russia of 1905, of which Poland was then a province, his actual birthday and that on his birth certificate differ by some months. His early years were spent in Warsaw where he read law and the history of art at the university. Thereafter he studied painting at the Warsaw Academy of Fine Art, being awarded a travelling scholarship in 1934 which took him to Italy, Greece, France, Yugoslavia and Austria. In his travels he experienced to the full the richness of nature and human life and this was the basis on which his work developed over the next 60 years.

He settled in France in 1934, living usually by the Mediterranean and in Corsica. At that time he painted in watercolour, oil, gouache or pastel, specialising in landscapes. He established a studio in Paris in 1936.

The advent of war in September 1939 interrupted this happy period and Zyw immediately returned to Paris and enlisted in the Polish army then forming in France. After intensive infantry training he saw service as a sergeant in a machinegun company and in mid-June 1940 took part in heavy fighting near Lagarde, to the east of Nancy. When France surrendered, Zyw managed to escape to Britain via Toulouse, Barcelona, Lisbon and Gibraltar as did other Polish artists whose images of war enriched their later output. Among them was Feliks Topolski, with whom he subsequently struck up a close friendship.



A tank of the Polish 24th Lancers sketched by Zyw on exercises in 1943

After some time in military camps in Scotland he was appointed war artist to the Polish forces in the West. The First Polish Armoured Division, which was for a time stationed in Scotland, provided Zyw with the opportunity to sketch the unit on duty and at leisure, tank crews, signalmen, artillerymen, cooks and orderlies. He drew people and events without mannerisms or undue pathos.

Zyw was with the First Polish Division in Normandy when General Maczek landed at Arromanches in July 1944, and was involved in heavy fighting round Falaise and Chambois. He recorded many episodes during the battles, on flimsy paper with ink, pen, pencil and sponge. After many adventures he managed to get to Paris after it was liberated on August 24, 1944. There he found his studio intact, since it had been locked and sealed by the Nazis. Thus many of his prewar paintings were preserved.

Zyw subsequently returned to the UK and made his home in Edinburgh in the Dean Village, close to the centre of the city, where he published a book of drawings entitled *Edinburgh as the Artist Sees It*. It was in Bell's Brae House that he took up residence with his wife Leslie, and there his two sons Adam and Michael were born.

In 1949 he made his first postwar visit to Italy and Zyw believed this to have been a crucial moment in the development of his art. He was influenced by the wealth of the pre-Renaissance and Byzantine styles. From then on his life was passed in Edinburgh and Italy until he finally settled permanently about 1961 near Castagneto Carducci, in the province of Livorno. There a studio formed an integral part of his house, situated in an olive grove and subsequently developed by his younger son Michael.

During his long life he held many exhibitions in places as varied as Warsaw, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bradford, Paris, Milan, London, Bayeux and Parma.

For the last thirty years or so of his life Zyw's work was derived from meticulous observation of plants and natural forms and phenomena. In 1975 he produced a series of paintings inspired by his perception of the surface of the nearby Water of Leith, entitled *An Instant of Water*. This was followed by paintings on the theme *Air*, with such titles as *Hurricane* and *Meteor*. His preference at this stage was for the richer medium of oil. His final period was devoted to *objets trouvés* transformed into a spiritual context. Only towards the end was his work restricted to sketching.

Aleksander Zyw was a modest, affectionate, amusing and kindly man whose outward appearance belied many delightful inner qualities and a great zest for life.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Joan, and by their two sons.

ALEX WARNOCK

Alex Warnock, DSC, wartime convoy escort veteran, died on October 2 aged 79. He was born on May 8, 1916.

ONE of the hard core of RNVR officers who survived the six years of the Battle of the Atlantic, Alex Warnock won the DSC when serving with the most successful of all the Navy's fighting groups, the 2nd Escort Group.

Born in Hampshire, he had only just started his career as a junior clerk at Barclays Bank's branch in Southampton when, as one who messed about in boats in the Solent, he thought it natural to join the Navy in September 1939.

His first ship was the destroyer *Inglefield* which operated in Norwegian waters. Next he went to the corvette *Marguerite* on convoy duty, based on Freetown and Takoradi, taking convoys round the Cape of Good Hope and across the Indian Ocean.

"Flower Class corvettes were so named," said Warnock, "because they could roll on wet grass." His final drafting was to be "built-in" at the shipyard at Providence, Rhode Island, as first lieutenant of the Colony Class frigate *HMS Labuan*. Once worked up, she joined the Second Escort Group, whose senior officer was Commander David Wemyss, successor to the legendary quadruple DSO, Captain "Johnny" Walker.

The *Labuan's* captain, a shell-shocked survivor of the desperate Arctic convoys of 1942, left the running of the ship entirely to Warnock. He soon welded the ship's company of 100 to a team within a team.

Operating relentlessly, often in foul weather and close in to the blacked-out coasts of Britain, the six warships of the group were unable to prevent two merchantmen in convoys being torpedoed before their eyes. But the sinking of the German submarine *U1208* was largely attributable to the skill, leadership and determination of Warnock. She was the seventh sunk by the group after Walker's death and there were no survivors.

The following day, the U-boats nearly had their revenge when a torpedo, suspected to be one of the new and deadly homing "Gnats" (German Naval Accoustic Torpedoes) missed *Labuan* by less than 15 yards. Warnock's counter-attack with a shallow pattern of six depth charges was so fast that the shock of nearly a ton of RDX explosive unseated the ship's dynamo and broke a few ankles in the engine room.

After the war Warnock returned to Barclays Bank and in due course rose to become divisional general manager in charge of all the bank's properties throughout the United Kingdom. He retired in 1976.

He is survived by Joan, his wife of 52 years, a son and a daughter.

Appointments in the Forces

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Retirements
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Retirements
AIR COMMODORE: J H Spencer - 2.10.95.
GROUP CAPTAIN: J T G Rogerson - 11.10.95.
WING COMMANDER: A T Mitchell - 5.10.95.

Church appointments

The Rev Hugh Burton, Vicar, Pakington w. Normanton-le-Heath (Leicester): to be Team Vicar, Kidderminster St. George Team Ministry (Worcester).
The Ven Peter Coombs, Archdeacon of Reigate (Southwark), recently retired: now Archdeacon Emeritus.
The Rev Brenda Dowie: to be Chaplain's Assistant, Southmead Health Services NHS Trust (Southmead Hospital) (Bristol).
The Rev Roger Elks, Assistant Curate, St Austell: to be Vicar, St Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay w St Uny, Lelant (Truro).
The Very Rev Jeffery Fenwick, retiring as Dean of Guernsey and Rector, St Peter Port (Winchester): to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral.
The Rev Terry Hemming, NSM, Winchester All Saints w St Andrew, Chilcomb w. St Peter, Chesil: to be also Chaplain to St Swithun's School (Winchester).
The Rev Richard Livingston, Vicar, Droylsden (Manchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Wolverton w Norton Lindsey and Langley and part-time Chaplain to the Deaf in the diocese of Coventry.
The Rev Kim Mathers: to be NSM, St John w St Michael, Bournemouth (Winchester).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon David Byford, Vicar, St Editha, Polesworth (Birmingham): to resign September 30.
Prebendary Alfred Vincent, Honorary Priest-in-charge, Chacewater and a Prebendary of Truro Cathedral: to retire and be appointed a Prebendary Emeritus.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK C. BOSTOCK

The death took place yesterday at Kensington mansions of Mr. Frank C. Bostock, the proprietor of "The Jungle" at the White City and of many other entertainment enterprises.

Mr. Bostock was in his 47th year. He was a son of James Bostock, in his day a noted circus proprietor. His mother was a member of another family well-known in the circus business, the Wombwells. Mr. Bostock conducted a circus in this country about 20 years ago, but he disposed of it and went to the United States, where he acquired interests in a great many concerns.

Mr. Bostock's career as a showman began when he was a boy of 16. It was not his father's intention: his father had him prepared for religious work, but heredity proved too strong. His first inclination towards animal training was shown in his 16th year. Annoyed at the cruelty of one of his father's lion-tamers, he begged his father to let him take the man's place in the show. The father, however, would not allow him to do so, and the next day the son secretly entered the lions' cage. His father is reported to have said, "If ever you get out of there alive, my lad, I'll give you the biggest thrashing you ever had in your life." Young Bostock came out unscathed, and eventually induced his father to allow him to take the place of the lion-tamer, who had meanwhile been all but killed by one of the animals. His schooldays were over, and he became definitely a trainer and showman. The time that he had spent in preparation for the ministry had not been wasted. It gave him a degree of culture which distinguished him from the old-fashioned type of showmen.

Among his experiences in travelling the country with his menagerie, perhaps the strangest was in Birmingam in 1880, when one of his lions got into the city sewer. Something had to be done to allay public anxiety, and Mr. Bostock put a lion in a cage in one of the sewer openings. Accompanied by three attendants, he entered the sewer some little way off, fired a gun, burnt Roman candles, and made a deafening noise. At a signal the cage was brought out, and every one believed that the lion had been re-taken. A large force of police co-operated with Mr. Bostock on the following night to capture the animal. Mr. Bostock, accompanied by three men and a boarhound, entered the sewer, and after a long pursuit, during which the dog was severely mauled, recaptured the lion. Not long afterwards Mr. Bostock went to America where his show became popular. Mr. Roosevelt on one occasion declared that the performance by a group of 23 lions was one of the grandest spectacles he had ever seen. It is understood that Mr. Bostock recently proposed to take the London Opera House with the idea of using it for the exhibition of animals. The negotiations were, however, broken off.

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The names of Bostock and Wombwell were long famous for the spectacular circus acts they staged: Frank Bostock's mother was a Wombwell and he clearly inherited the courage and skill of both families.

NEW LABOUR DAILY NEWSPAPER

The first number of the *Daily Citizen*, the new Labour daily newspaper, was published yesterday. It is a journal with a purpose, and it begins its career with high ambitions and a notable enthusiasm.

NEWS

Tory Left fires warning shot

■ In the aftermath of the shock eve-of-conference defection of Alan Howarth, the Conservative MP, to Labour, the Tory Left gave a warning that as many as 40 Tory MPs shared Mr Howarth's misgivings over the Government's social agenda.

Leading figures such as Sir Edward Heath indicated that while they had no intention of following Mr Howarth's example they were worried about a fresh lurch to the Right in the face of Tony Blair's reinvigorated party .....Pages 1, 2, 3

Juppé blames the gnomes of London

■ Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, blamed "the gnomes of London" for speculation that sent the franc tumbling. In an attack recalling Harold Wilson's onslaught on "the gnomes of Zurich", M Juppé said that he would not cut the deficit to please the markets .....Pages 1, 9

Powell flies in

General Colin Powell, the opinion poll favourite to be the next president of the United States, arrived *in London to promote his best*-selling memoirs ..... Pages 1, 10

Major tough on EU

John Major hardened his opposition to a federal Europe in a move *aimed at establishing clear water* between the Tories and Tony Blair's resurgent Labour *party*.....Page 2

Light fantastic

A satellite designed to celebrate the United Nations' Year of Tolerance has strained the patience of *astronomers who say it would* reflect too much light .....Page 5

Babies from China

Thirty British couples have successfully adopted a child from *China over the past two years*, when the Government made adoption from that country *legal* ..... Page 6

Exam grades row

Evidence that competition between examination boards is driving down standards at GCSE *and A level will reopen the debate* over "grade inflation" this week .....Page 7

Vitamin A danger

Research at Boston University *medical school has confirmed* that an excessive intake of vitamin A is linked to various birth defects .....Page 7

Poor solicitors

Hundreds of solicitors are earning less than £10,000 a year and are at risk of going out of business, according to research for the Law Society .....Page 8

Euro-justice criticised

A British lorry driver enjoyed his first weekend of freedom after 19 *months in a Spanish jail, as a* lawyer accused the European Union of failing to provide proper *justice for its citizens*.....Page 8

Santer faces storm

The *anti-nuclear anger of Eu*rope's northern states is threatening to give Jacques Santer, the *president of the European Com*mission, a rough ride as he seeks to defuse pressure for action *against France* ..... Page 9

Chinese uncertainty

President Jiang Zemin of China, in a key speech that had echoes of Mao Tse tung, seemed to hint *that a period of uncertainty could* lie ahead .....Page 10

Minister resigns

Japan's Justice Minister will resign today after allegations that he received an unreported 200 million yen (£1.3 million) personal loan .....Page 10

Ceasefire battles

Bosnia's battlefields showed no *signs of a truce as the warring* factions fought for territory before the frontlines are frozen by an impending ceasefire ...Page 11

Girl tells how she outwitted gunman

■ A girl described how she confronted a gunman who shot dead two British tourists at a hotel in Morocco. Charlean Barker, 12, from Norfolk, saw the man shoot a women. "Then he saw me. I said 'can you help with this woman?' He held a gun up and I held my hands up to my face while he shot and then I fell down and pretended I was dead" ..... Page 5



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Drew Giesen contemplates the remains of his house at Navarre Beach, Florida, which was hit by a hurricane last week

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Should solicitors be their own judges when shoddy service and bad advice loses cash and cases for their clients?

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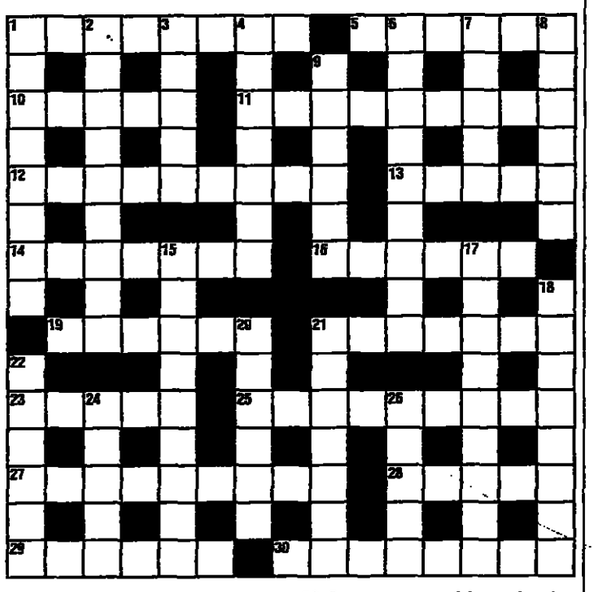
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1 Deposit forwarded when investing money in America (8).
5 Father in pain, but brave (6).
10 Cowardly execution of bird (5).
11 Declaration by international cricketers about a square (9).
12 A water bird endlessly returning to Scottish island for fish (9).
13 Giant bird with no tail (5).
14 Less than complete backing for leading figure in offensive (7).
16 Condescend to adopt southern fashion (6).
19 Overwrought from working to the limit (2,4).
21 They enjoy making painful scenes (7).
23 Scales needing calibration to some degree (5).
25 No engagement in view, so base abandoned (9).
27 Anxiety about contact with ancient Egyptian figure (9).
28 Banquet recognising singular involvement in exploit (5).
29 Negotiates for free entertainments (6).
30 Incomparable, like Lords in the summer? (8).

DOWN

1 Covering of grit applied to mount Spanish steps (8).
2 Turning aside from entertainment (9).
3 Mother embracing girl with heavenly gift (5).
4 Japanese ornament this country imported in course of tense struggle (7).
6 Expert cracked up outside Court (9).
7 Number not carried forward in division (5).
8 Former nurse to carry on (6).
9 One's boy getting name within Territorial detachment (6).
15 No theologian, bishop could be dismissed as surplus to requirements (3,3,3).
17 Boast by public utility to end a malfunction (9).
18 Mineral not required on Burns night? (8).
20 Female employed in snack bar turning up with key to scrub out (6).
21 Desire among Poles to acquire English language (7).
22 Bring to light the origin of Equity on a legal basis (6).
24 Sandbank, for example, held up vessel (5).
26 Prisoner's existence on run (5).

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The solution of *Saturday's Prize Puzzle* No 19,980 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, Clwyd, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.66in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 10.0hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern Ireland and western Scotland will see outbreaks of *rain petering out during the morning*, with sunny intervals following. Eastern Scotland will cloud over during the *morning with patchy rain or drizzle likely through the afternoon.*

Northern and western parts of England and Wales will have a dry start but will become cloudy with the chance of patchy light rain through the afternoon. Central and southern counties of England will have another dry, very warm and fairly sunny day.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England:** sunny spells, cloudier later. Wind south, light to moderate. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **S W England, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** cloud increasing, patchy light *rain, clearer later. Wind south to* southwest moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** becoming cloudy with patchy light rain for a time, clearer later. Wind south to southwest, moderate, becoming light later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N W Scotland:** *rain clearing, then mostly dry. Wind* southwest, moderate to fresh, decreasing later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with patchy rain, clearer later. Wind southerly, fresh, becoming southwest, light *to moderate later. Max 17C (63F).*

☐ **N Ireland:** rain clearing, then sunny intervals, showers later. Wind southwest, moderate, becoming south, fresh, later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** showers will affect far north and west. Remaining areas will *be dry with sunny intervals.*

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

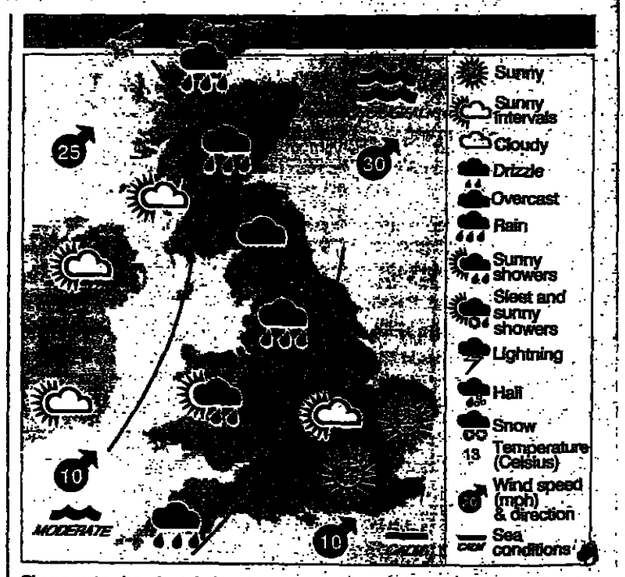
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.1	0.01	18	64	s	London	8.1	-	25	77	s
Anglesey	8.4	0.02	19	66	s	Lowestoft	8.8	-	18	66	s
Aspatria	8.1	0.16	21	70	s	Manchester	8.9	0.06	23	73	s
Aviemore	4.6	0.12	19	66	s	Margate	8.8	-	22	72	s
Belfast	6.5	0.02	20	68	s	Minehead	6.5	-	24	75	s
Birmingham	8.4	-	23	73	c	Morecambe	9.2	0.03	23	73	s
Bognor R	9.3	-	21	70	s	Newcastle	8.1	0.01	23	73	s
Bournem'th	9.7	-	21	70	s	Newquay	8.1	-	21	70	s
Bristol	8.8	-	23	73	s	Norwich	8.5	-	24	75	s
Buxton	8.7	0.09	20	68	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	8.8	-	21	70	s	Oxford	8.4	0.03	23	73	s
Clacton	X					Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	X				
Colwyn Bay	9.1	-	24	75	s	Poole	9.0	-	23	73	s
Cromer	8.0	-	24	75	s	Prestatyn	X	-	25	77	s
Doncaster	X					Ross-o-wye	8.9	-	24	75	s
Edinburgh	6.4	0.04	19	66	s	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	3.0	0.68	17	63	b	Salcombe	9.0	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	8.9	0.01	18	64	s	Sandown	9.0	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	8.0	0.07	21	70	s	Saunin Snd	8.0	0.01	25	77	s
Fishguard	8.8	0.01	21	70	s	Scarboro'	8.0	-	22	72	s
Folkestone	9.0	-	21	70	s	Shanklin	9.3	-	21	70	s
Glasgow	5.2	0.16	19	66	s	Shrewsbury	8.9	0.02	23	73	s
Guernsey	9.2	-	21	70	s	Skegness	7.0	-	23	73	s
Hastings	8.8	-	21	70	s	Southend	7.1	-	22	72	s
Hayling I.	9.2	-	19	66	s	Southport	8.7	-	25	77	s
Herne Bay	8.5	-	23	73	s	Southsea	8.9	-	20	68	s
Hove	7.7	-	20	68	s	St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	8.0	-	23	73	s	Stornoway	-	0.41	17	63	r
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	9.1	-	20	68	s
Isle of Man	5.3	0.01	17	63	s	Teignmouth	9.1	0.01	19	66	s
Jersey	9.8	-	23	73	s	Tenby	9.5	0.02	21	70	s
Kinloss	5.7	0.04	21	70	s	Tiree	4.4	0.07	18	64	g
Leeds	6.5	-	25	77	s	Torquay	10.0	-	20	68	s
Lerwick	0.7	0.24	17	63	g	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	5.2	0.09	19	66	s	Ventnor	9.2	-	20	68	s
Littlehmptn	X					West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	8.8	0.01	25	77	s	Weymouth	8.9	-	21	70	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	24	75	s	Corfu	24	75	s	Madrid	21	70	c
Alcudia	27	81	s	C'phagn	17	63	c	Majorca	26	79	f
Alex'dria	28	79	f	Dublin	19	66	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Algiers	28	82	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	24	75	f
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Faro	26	79	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Athens	23	73	s	Florence	25	77	s	Madco C	21	70	s
B Aires	18	64	c	Frankfurt	19	66	s	Milan	22	72	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Funchal	22	72	f	Montreal	21	70	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	17	63	f	Moscow	13	55	f
Barbados	X			Gibraltar	22	72	f	Munich	21	70	s
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	13	55	c	N Delhi	32	90	s
Beirut	24	75	f	Hong K	29	84	f	N York	21	70	s
Belgrade	21	70	s	Innsbrck	27	70	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	21	70	f	Istanbul	19	66	f	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda	22	73	f	Jeddah	38	97	s	Nice	23	73	c
Biarritz	27	81	s	Jo'burg	26	79	s	Oslo	9	48	r
Borde'x	24	75	s	Karachi	34	93	s	Paris	23	73	s
Brussels	22	72	s	L Angels	23	73	s	Peking	22	72	s
Budapst	21	70	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	27	81	s	La Tguet	24	75	s	Prague	20	68	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Reykjavk	5	41	s
Ch'church	15	59	-	Locarno	22	72	s	Rhodes	25	77	s
Chicago	22	72	s	Luxembg	19	66	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Cologne	23	73	s	Luxor	33	91	s	Riyadh	37	99	s

Rome	24	76	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	f	Warsaw	18	64	f
S Frisco	20	68	s	Tenerife	25	77	s	Wash'ton	22	72	c
S Paulo	21	70	c	Tokyo	15	59	r	Wellington	15	59	c
Salzburg	23	73	s	Toronto	21	70	s	Zurich	17	63	f
Santiago	16	61	c	Tunis	25	77	f				
Seoul	22	72	f	Valencia	23	73	f				
Sing'por	32	90	f	Vanc'ver	14	57	f				
Stckholm	14	57	f	Venice	24	75	s				
Strasb'rg	15	59	c	Vienna	21	70	f				
Sydney	16	61	s	Warsaw	18	64	f				
Tangier	27	81	s	Wash'ton	22	72	c				
Tel Aviv	26	79	f	Wellington	15	59	c				
Tenerife	25	77	s	Zurich	17	63	f				

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Avonmouth	7:20	13.55	7:39	13.80	Lowestoft	9:23	2.63	9:58	2.45
Belfast	11:10	3.45	11:26	3.56	Margate	0:11	5.03	0:20	4.99
Cardiff	7:11	12.78	7:32	12.92	Milford Haven	6:17	7.13	6:35	7.26
Devonport	5:55	5.82	6:11	5.80	Newquay	5:06	8.94	5:23	7.09
Dover	11:06	6.83	11:20	6.66	Oban	5:42	3.98	6:01	4.21
Dublin	11:55	4.11	11:57	4.24	Penzance	4:41	5.46	4:57	5.56
Falmouth	5:23	5.19	5:40	5.37	Portland	6:51	2.23	7:08	2.27
Glasgow	0:32	4.85	0:49	4.86	Portsmouth	11:33	4.86	11:47	4.77
Harwich	11:38	-	-	4.12	Shoreham	11:38	6.69	11:54	6.36
Holyhead	10:27	5.56	10:37	5.78	Southampton	10:54	4.86	11:08	4.58
Hull	6:10	7.73	6:42	7.47	Swansea	6:25	9.72	6:42	9.86
Ilfracombe	6:02	9.57	6:23	9.66	Tees	3:32	5.57	3:59	5.47
King's Lynn	6:15	7.09	6:39	6.87	W'ton-on-Nze	11:55	6.22	-	-

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Sun rises: 7.14 am — Sun sets: 6.22 pm
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London 6.22 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 6.34 pm to 7.37 am
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